

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
Special Education Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Videoconference Sites:**

Board Office, Marathon  
Geraldton Composite High School, Geraldton  
Lake Superior High School, Terrace Bay  
Manitouwadge High School, Manitouwadge  
Nipigon-Red Rock District High School, Red Rock

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**MINUTES**

<b><u>Voting Members</u></b>					
<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>	OS	TC	VC	A	R
AUDIA, Jessica: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living</i>		X			
PELLETIER, Allison: <i>Trustee</i>					X
FIGLIOMENI, Kim: <i>Trustee</i>					X
FISHER, Matthew: <i>Trustee (Alternate)</i>		X			
GROENEVELD, Sharon: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living</i>		X			
EISENER, Bruce: <i>North of Superior Counseling Programs</i>		X			
McIntyre, Margaret: <i>Trustee (Alternate)</i>	X				
NELSON, Theresa: <i>Greenstone Social Services</i>				X	

<b><u>Resource Members</u></b>	<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
McRAE, Pinky: <i>Board Chair (Ex-Officio)</i>	X				
TAMBLYN, David: <i>Director of Education</i>	X				
PETRICK, Nancy: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	X				
HOUSTON, Cassidy: <i>Student Trustee</i>					X
SCHRAM, Kathleen: <i>Special Education Coordinator</i>	X				
DRAZENOVICH, George: <i>Mental Health Lead</i>		X			
BIANCO, Melissa: <i>Positive Behaviour Support Consultant</i>		X			
FREEBURN, Hillary: <i>Teacher Diagnostician</i>		X			
BAKER, Nina: <i>Mental Health Nurse</i>					X

1.0 Call to Order 7:02

2.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motioned by:** Matthew Fisher                      **Seconded by:** Jessica Audia

3.0 Additions to the Agenda

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Membership

Nancy Petrick

- Discussed at the last SEAC meeting, if there are any agencies in the community that you know may be interested in sitting on the SEAC committee send the contact information to Nancy.

- Jessica Audia brought forth Lisa Tobin who runs P.A.C.E in Geraldton. Nancy will contact Lisa as well as Dilico, CAS and CCAC.
- Sharon Groeneveld also suggested a friend who has a child with a disability. Sharon will forward contact information to Nancy. Nancy to follow-up.

## 5.0 Agenda items

- 5.1 Confirm chair Nancy Petrick
- Kim Figliomeni has agreed to stand as Chair.  
**Motioned by:** Sharon Groeneveld      **Seconded by:** Jessica Audia
- 5.2 Topics/Suggestions for future meetings Nancy Petrick
- If you have any suggestions, topics or presenters you would like email Nancy.
- 5.3 Special Education Coordinator Report Kathleen Schram
- Nancy and Kathleen have been travelling to the schools to begin a process around an IEP audit. This is a follow-up to the Provincial audit.
    - We are using the audit to help build an internal capacity.
    - Randomly selected IEPs from the Elementary and Secondary school.
    - Middle of March or April we will be able to report back with our findings.
- 5.4 Positive Behaviour Support Lead Melissa Bianco
- Currently travelling around the board.
    - Supporting staff with program strategies.
    - Continuing supervised training with Positive Behavior Support and Applied Behaviour Analysis BeDoc.
    - Modules through the Geneva Centre
      - 2 people have complete, 4 will be completed by the end of March.
  - Supporting Positive Behaviour framework that is piloted at 1 particular school this year.
    - Pier 1 universal support framework within the school and how data is collected, problem solved and analyses then brought back into the classroom.
    - Opportunity to present our findings at the Canadian Society for the Study of Education in Ottawa in May.
- 5.5 Teacher Diagnostician Hillary Freeburn
- In the past couple months I have been working more in the high schools. Working with teachers, guidance councillors, Principals, SERTS and students.
  - In Longlac working with MMPS and parent engagement with IEP's
    - March 11 - School Council hosted a dinner and provided childcare so parents can enjoy a meal, ask questions and sign their child's second term IEP.
- 5.6 Mental Health Lead George Drazenovich
- PD for Principals in Thunder Bay on Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Student Inclusion.
  - Dr. Chris Mushquash psychologists, also chair for the Canadian Indigenous Research Association of Canada at Lakehead University did a presentation on First Nation Mental Health.
- 5.7 Mental Health Nurse Nina Baker

## 6.0 Correspondence

- 6.1 Durham Catholic DSB: SEAC support letter Nancy Petrick
- In December an attachment went out to members from Durham Catholic District School Board asking for support in making Special Education training part of the Teacher Education Program.
  - Should the committee put together a letter of support to go Liz Sandals Minister of Education? All in agreement. Nancy will write the letter for the next meeting.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Edugains website: [www.edugains.ca](http://www.edugains.ca)

Nancy Petrick

- Ministry Developed Resources → Special Education
  - This website provides a lot of information on the LD learner.

7.2 Letter from Liz Sandals, Minister of Education

- A welcome to the new term and to provide committee members with links to great resources.
- Talks about an orientation package for new members. The committee could go through the package at one of our meetings. All in agreement.

7.3 Ministry website: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/seac/>

- May 2 – Ministry of Education will be hosting a Provincial SEAC Conference in Toronto. Intended to provide a forum for open dialog on opportunities for enhancing the capacity of SEAC across the province.
  - A variety of presentations. We are able to put together an abstract to present.
  - Suggested participants are: SEAC Chair, Supervisor Officer for Special Education, Board Trustee, new and existing SEAC member. Up to 5 representatives.
  - \$5000.00 travel expenses allot for our Board.
  - Deadline is March 27<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss this at our March 10<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting.

7.4 Suicide pre inter and post-vention guidelines

George Drazenovich

- Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Guide will be accessible and user friendly for staff.
- This was reviewed by a team of our psychologists; School Mental Health Assist Bruce Ferguson, Shannon Cormier Director of NOSP, Jennifer Moore from Delico and Principals Jennifer Oussoren and Will Goodman as well as myself.
- If members can review this document in the next couple weeks and forward any comments to Nancy or Dave for approval.
- This document will be posted on the Boards internal folder.
- Bruce Eisner also indicated that he and a colleague have been trained to be a Mental Health Assist – Safe Talk trainers and would be able to assist SGDSB if required.

8.0 Information Items

8.1 Upcoming Professional Development Dates:

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|------|----------------|----------------------------|---|
| i)   | April 24, 2015 | Elementary and Secondary - | School Improvement Planning             |
| ii)  | June 8, 2015   | Elementary                 | Report Card Writing                     |
| iii) | June 8, 2015   | Secondary                  | School improvement/timetabling/SS Mtgs. |

8.2 Secondary Exams:

- i) June 22 – 26, 2015

9.0 Agenda Items: Next Meeting Date/Time/Venue

9.1 **Future agenda items:**

9.2 March 10, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

9.0 Adjournment

**Moved by:** Jessica Audia

**Seconded by:** Matthew Fisher

✓ **That, the SEAC Meeting be adjourned at 6:50 pm**