

GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
REPORT OF THE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Administration Office.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Susan Smith (Community Living Windsor/Essex County)  
Karen Wilson, Parents for Children's Mental Health  
Connie Buckler, Trustee  
Kim McKinley, Trustee  
Monica Gilles, Windsor Essex County Down Syndrome Association  
JoAnn Percy, Windsor Council of Home and School Associations  
Beth Cook, Indigenous Community Arrival 1:35  
Mary-Ann Fuduric, Brain Injury Association of Windsor & Essex County  
Brianna DeSanti, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor Essex County

BOARD PERSONNEL:

Lynn McLaughlin, Superintendent of Special Education  
Mike Wilcox, Principals, Special Education Programs and Services  
Melissa DeBruyne, OPC Secondary Representative  
Jackie Connelly, OPC Elementary Representative

REGRETS:

Meghan Johnson, Canadian Hearing Society  
Mary MacLaughlin, Autism Ontario (Windsor Essex)

Recorder: Marion Goyette

1. Call to Order

K. McKinley called the meeting to order at 1:08pm.

2. Attendance

K. McKinley gave regrets from Canadian Hearing Society and Autism Ontario.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: K. Wilson

Seconded by: C. Buckler

That SEAC approve the agenda for April 2016 with the change in the order of items 6 and 7.

CARRIED.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: K. Wilson

Seconded by: C. Buckler

That SEAC approve the minutes for March 8, 2015

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5. Business Arising as a Result of the Minutes

No business arising.

7. News from the Classroom

Dana D'Incenza, Educational Coordinator presented on the upcoming Mindforce Competition on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Tecumseh Vista Academy. Mindforce is a creative problem solving competition based up the idea that creativity is a skill that can be taught and developed with practice. Participants are Kindergarten to Grade 12 and compete within divisions. Spectators are welcome.

6. Ministry of Education

Joy Antoniuk and Virginia Rutledge from the Southwest Regional Office based in London attended to explain the role of SEAC and answer questions. The London office serves 16 school boards, 3 school authorities and 3 provincial offices. Call 226-312-7090 (ext. 2156) or 226-312-7090 (ext. 2156) for more information.

10. New Business

L. McLaughlin stated that she will invite Tim McCarthy to the next meeting to speak to the information received this week from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services Improving Autism Services. It is not known at this time how it will affect children in our school boards.

11. Association Reports

*Windsor Council of Home and School Associations*

B. Turner and J. Percy will be representing this area's council at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Brantford.

*Learning Disability Association Windsor-Essex*

The agency has announced Lucy Lombardo as the new Executive Director.

*Brain Injury Association of Windsor & Essex County*

The Neuro Trauma Foundation will be holding a conference on April 29. Workshops will include brain injury, complex addiction and mental health.

*Autism Ontario*

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services recently announced the new Ontario Autism Program for children 5 years old and younger with investing \$333 million over the next 5 years. Children five years old and older will be

*Trustees*  
C. Buckler