



## Statutory Committee

**Name of Committee:** Special Education Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** 4 May 2020

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee convened on May 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm through electronic means, Chair Nora Green.

Association for Bright Children (ABC)		Melissa Rosen
Autism Society of Ontario – Toronto		Lisa Kness
Community Living Toronto		Tracy O’Regan
Epilepsy Toronto		Steven Lynette
Down Syndrome Association of Toronto		Richard Carter
Easter Seals Ontario		Aliza Chagpar
Integrated Action for Inclusion (IAI)		Tania Principe
IEWS for the Visually Impaired		David Lepofsky
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children		Paul Cross
Learning Disability Association		Regrets
CADDAC		Juanita Beaudry
LC1	Aline Chan	Nora Green
LC2	Jordan Glass	Jean-Paul Ngana
LC3	Olga Ingrahm	Kirsten Doyle
LC4	Diane Montgomery	Izabella Pruska-Oldenoff,
TDSB Trustees	Alexander Brown	Michelle Aarts

Also present were:

Angela Nardi-Addesa, System Superintendent, Special Education and Inclusion

Wendy Terro, Superintendent, Special Education and Inclusion

Janine Small, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education

Jennifer Newby, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC4

Effie Stathopoulos, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC1

Susan Moulton, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education

Lianne Dixon, TDSB SEAC Liaison

Regrets: Trustee Lulka, Patrick Smith (LDA)

## **Part A: Recommendations**

Nil

## **Part B: For Information Only**

### **Leadership, Learning and School Improvement Department Updates:**

Information was shared with SEAC around the following subjects

#### **SEA Equipment Updates**

- We had approximately 3,868 devices (Chromebooks and iPads that are internet enabled) and 165 of the 3,868 are specialized equipment. The devices have either been delivered or are in the process of being delivered. Delivery is expected to be completed between April 30th-May 8th.
- Students who require devices in order to access assistive technology (other than specialized, personalized SEA equipment) will receive devices as part of the TDSB Central Distribution Program through which families can request devices and/or internet access.

#### **Staff Role Expectations**

A link to documents that outline the remote learning and working guidelines and expectations for different employee groups at the TDSB was shared with SEAC

#### **Capacity Building for Teachers and Support Staff**

- The Special Education and Inclusion Google + Communities are being moderated by Special Education Inclusion Coordinators and Consultants. Resources are shared and teachers and support staff collaborate to address how to best meet student needs remotely

#### **Ministry Direction on IPRCs**

- IPRCs will resume remotely.
- IPRC Reviews and SEPRC will be prioritized .

#### **Ministry Direction on IEPs**

- IEPs will continue to remain in effect as continuity of learning strategies is implemented.
- Staff will work in collaboration with students and families to determine manageable solutions on a case by case basis.

#### **Non Digital Student Learning Resources**

The data for the survey that went out to schools for non-digital print packages for grade K-8 indicates that there were 12, 000 requests for print packages with greater numbers in K- Gr.3 and Gr. 7- Gr.8.

#### **Summer School**

Summer school for students with Special Education needs will continue remotely.

**Return to School Advisory Group**

SEAC members volunteered to participate in a consultation group about planning an eventual return to school and implications for students with special needs.

**Part C: Ongoing Matters**

Nil

**Report Submitted by:** Lianne Dixon

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