



Name of Committee: Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: March 4, 2019

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee convened on March 4, 2019 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm in the Boardroom (5050 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON). The meeting was chaired by Richard Carter

Attendance:

Association for Bright Children (ABC)	Melissa Rosen	
Autism Society of Ontario – Toronto	Lisa Kness	
Community Living Toronto	Tracey O'Regan	
Down Syndrome Association of Toronto	Richard Carter	
Easter Seals Ontario	Deborah Fletcher	
Epilepsy Toronto	Steven Lynette	
Integrated Action for Inclusion (IAI)	Tania Principe (phone)	
Learning Disabilities Association Toronto	Regrets	
IEWS for the Visually Impaired	David Lepofsky	
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Paul Cross	
LC1	Nora Green	Aline Chan
LC2	Jean-Paul Ngana	Jordan Glass
LC3	Olga Ingrahm	Kirsten Doyle
LC4	Diane Montgomery	Paula Boutis

TDSB Trustees

Trustee Alexander Brown, Trustee Alexandra Lulka

Also present were:

Kathy Witherow, Associate Director, Leadership, Learning and School Improvement
 Brendan Browne, Executive Superintendent, Leadership, Learning and School Improvement
 Vicky Branco, System Superintendent, Leadership, Learning and School Improvement
 Craig Snider, Associate Director
 Regrets: Patrick Smith

Part A: Recommendations

Vacancy for Association Alternative Representative for Community Living Toronto on the Toronto District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The Special Education Advisory Committee recommends that:

Whereas there is a vacancy for Association Alternative Representative for Community Living Toronto on the Toronto District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), and

Whereas SEAC has received a nomination and recommendation from Brad Saunders, the CEO of Community Living Toronto for Cecilia MacIntyre to fill the role of Community Living Toronto Association Alternative Representative, and

Whereas she meets the Ministry of Education and board criteria for eligibility, therefore,

Be it resolved that the board appoint Cecilia MacIntyre as the Alternative Representative for Community Living Toronto, for the remainder of the current term (2018 – 2022).

Part B: For Information Only

Craig Snider presented an update about the budget process

- As part of the 2019-20 budget process the Board will use the MYSP to set the budget drivers on which to allocate resources.
- Feedback on the drivers is being sought through a survey (distributed) by April 2, 2019. SEAC members were encouraged to participate in the survey.
- Feedback will be presented to the Finance, Budget and Enrolment (FBEC) Committee on 15 April; and
- FBEC and Board will approve the final strategic drivers staff will use to develop the operating budget aligned to the MYSP.
- Final budget approval at the FBEC meeting on 11 June 2019 and presented for Board approval on 19 June 2019.

Leadership, Learning and School Improvement Update:

News dominating headlines is the Autism announcement from the provincial government

- Schools are trying to find out which students are coming and who they are so that they can make transitions easier, gather information and make decisions
- Messaging to principals is that students who are eligible to be in school should be in school
- Leadership, Learning and School Improvement Department is providing support to Principals as they prepare for April 1st
- Refusal to Admit Procedure is part of the Caring and Safe Schools Policy which is going through the consultation process

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Nil

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