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Board Services Agenda Record

SEAC:029A

Agenda

November 9, 2012

MEETING NOTICE

Special Education Advisory Committee

Monday, November 12, 2012

7 p.m.

Boardroom, 5050 Yonge Street

MEMBERS:

Association

Representative

Alternate

Association for Bright Children	Diana Avon	Krystyna Ross
Autism Society of Ontario (Toronto Chapter)	Ginny Pearce	Elaine Norris
Brain Injury Society of Toronto	Dr. Robert Gates	Judy Moir
Community Living Toronto	Clovis Grant	Margarita Isakov
Down Syndrome Association of Toronto	Richard Carter	Elaine Dodsworth-Lever
Easter Seals Ontario	Heather Breckenridge	Tina Shier
Epilepsy Toronto	Steven Lynette (Chair)	Sheelagh Hysenaj
FASworld Toronto	Gal Koren	Raegan Delisle
Learning Disabilities Association of Toronto District	Loris Bennett	Mary Goitom
Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada	Vacant	Andrea Boulden
VIEWS for the Visually Impaired	Tammy Simon	
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Paul Cross	Rebecca Rycroft
Community Representatives		Melissa Melnitzer\Najia Shafi
South East	Yama Arianfar\Olga Ingrahm	Cathy Mallove\Nora Green
South West	Christina Buczek\Phillip Sargent	Wendy Huang\Aline Flora Chan
North East	Jean-Paul Ngana\Vacant	Karen Prizzon\Bantyeahun Tezazu
North West	Nancy Ann Turner Wright\Debra Hayden	

Trustees:

John Hastings (Ward 1)
Howard Kaplan (Ward 5)
Sam Sotiropoulos (Ward 20)

1.	Call to Order
2.	Approval of the Agenda
3.	Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest
4.	Confirmation of Minutes of October 15, 2012
5.	Delegations and/or Presentations
6.	Business Arising from the Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Findings and recommendations of the Home School Program Research Report
7.	Replacement of Alternate Representative of the Learning Disabilities Association of Toronto District..... Steven Lynette
8.	<u>Matter Postponed From Previous Meeting</u>
8.1	Special Education Inclusion Town Hall Transcripts and Submissions (Richard Carter and Diana Avon)iv
9.	Trustees' Report To be presented
10.	Chief Academic Officer's Report Sandy Spyropoulos
11.	System Superintendent's ReportCindy Burley
12.	Professional Support Services Report David Johnston
13.	Reports/Updates from Representatives on TDSB and other Committees Budget Subcommittee Communications Subcommittee Special Education Report Subcommittee Guidelines on Accessible Education and Equity Subcommittee Procedural Bylaws Subcommittee Facilitator Subcommittee Written reports would be appreciated To be presented
14.	Local SEAC Association Reports Written reports would be appreciated To be presented
15.	Correspondence received by the Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter dated October 17, 2012 from Director Chris Spence re Shape Our Future city-wide forum meetings Email dated October 24, 2012 from Debbie Alli, Administrative Liaison for Parent & Community Engagement re: one date change for Shape Our Future meetings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email dated October 24, 2012 from Mimi Hoffman, Executive Director for Learning Disabilities Association Toronto re nomination of a new SEAC Alternate • Email dated October 26, 2012 from Sandy Spyropoulos re: SEAC representation at November 13, 2012 consultation meeting re: draft revision of TDSB Safe Schools Policy (P.051)
16.	New Business
17.	Adjournment
<p>Please call and/or email Margo Ratsep at 416-396-9122 (margo.ratsep@tdsb.on.ca) or Denise Joseph-Dowers (397-3284) if you are unable to attend.</p>	

Matter Postponed From Previous Meeting

At the meeting held on October 15, 2012, SEAC postponed consideration of the following matter introduced by Richard Carter, amended by Diana Avon, to the next meeting. It is therefore presented for consideration at this time.

Special Education Inclusion Town Hall Transcripts and Submissions

Whereas, SEAC recognizes the importance and efforts of the TDSB and the Director of Education, Dr. Chris Spence, in conducting a series of Special Education Inclusion Town Hall meetings to obtain and accurately record community feedback on the following matter:

“Imagine that you and your child are in 2014. Describe in detail what has changed from 2012 to 2014 that has contributed to achieving this vision. What new and different inclusive practices are in the classroom, in the school, and in our communities?”

And, whereas participants are providing valuable insight into their vision of inclusion and as such, refer to the current experiences of students with special needs in the TDSB for which SEAC should be aware of and fully informed,

Be it resolved that the TDSB provide SEAC with a redacted copy of the original, unedited transcripts and all submissions they receive in order to prevent unnecessary duplication of effort by SEAC to record the information, for review following the completion of the four Town Hall meetings and deadline for submissions, allowing SEAC complete opportunity to independently consider firsthand all responses in carrying out their mandate and separate from the stated purpose above for collecting this information.