



# Minutes of the meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee held in the Board Room, J.W. Singleton Centre, Burlington Ontario, on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## Present

Amy McKenzie: **Chair** (Halton Council of Home and School Associations); Lynn Trevisan: **Vice-Chair** (Member at Large); Veerle Ryckewaert (Autism Ontario-Halton Chapter); Diane Vandenbossche (Learning Disabilities Association of Halton); Heather Holden (Alternate-Learning Disabilities Association of Halton); Lori Aker (Alternate-Halton Down Syndrome Association); Jason Bartlett (Member at Large); Jackie Bevers (Member at Large); Paulyne Lack (Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario); Sherry Foster (Association for Bright Children); Lori Kafato (Alternate- Association for Bright Children); Rebecca Kennedy (Easter Seals Society); Judy Shiels (VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children); Jason Barr (Alternate-Canadian Mental Health Association); Jennifer Hlusko (Trustee); Dianna Bower (Alternate-Trustee)

## ***Board Liaison and Resource Personnel:***

David Boag (Superintendent); Sue Roszell (Principal of Special Education); Pamela Cooley (Assistant)

## Regrets

Vicki De Mone (Alternate-Tourette Syndrome Association)

## Absent

Patricia Molnar (PSSP); Maureen Smithers (Alternate-Halton Council of Home and School Associations); Patrice Shennette (Alternate-Autism Ontario-Halton Chapter); Lynne Gurzi (HDEAA); Lisa Griffiths (PSSP) Lisa Reid (Halton Down Syndrome Association); Kathryn Bateman-Olmstead (Alternate-Trustee); Karen Poole-Lawrence (Easter Seals Society); Radhika Subramanyan (Canadian Mental Health Association); Kristen Lochhead (Trustee);

## **1. OPENING**

### 1.1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### 1.2. Approval of the Agenda

P. Lack/J. Bartlett #30-11

“THAT the agenda be approved.”

**CARRIED**

## **2. ACTION**

### 2.1. Minutes of June 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting

V. Ryckewaert/J. Bartlett #31-11

“THAT the Minutes of the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 meeting be approved.”

**CARRIED**

## 2.2. Special Education Plan Discussion/Vote and Budget Discussion

Discussion took place regarding the budget.

Members expressed concern for data tracking.

D. Boag noted that the Psychological assessment wait time has been reduced by approximately half. Data will be shared with SEAC in the fall. He noted the target wait time for an assessment is less than 6 months.

L. Aker thanked D. Boag for the response to the Minority Report. The report will be shared with SEAC. She asked D. Boag to clarify the criteria for accessibility to SLP services. D. Boag commented that the specific criteria are still being worked on; however the age or grade of a student should not prohibit that student from accessing these services.

D. Boag went through the staff priority items.

H. Holden commented that the items that are not receiving funding still need to be kept on file and monitored for next year. J. Hlusko commented that the Board receives interim dollars which could potentially be used for some of those items.

SEAC members asked for L. Veerman to clarify where the funding comes from for self contained teachers.

D. Bower asked for the language in Standard 5 of the plan relating to IPRC to be consistent with the language in the Working Together document.

A motion was called to vote on the Special Education Plan.

J. Bartlett/J. Hlusko. #32- 11

“THAT SEAC members are to vote on the Special Education Plan as discussed.”

**CARRIED**

### **Recorded Vote**

#### **Members at Large:**

J. Bartlett-Yes

J. Bevers-Yes

L. Trevisan- Yes

#### **Associations:**

J. Barr-Canadian Mental Health Association-Yes

R. Kennedy-Easter Seals Society- No

P. Lack-Tourette Syndrome Association-No

V. Ryckewaert-Autism Ontario- No

D. Vandenbossche-Learning Disabilities Association of Halton- No

S. Foster-Association for Bright Children- Yes

J. Shiels-VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children-Yes

L. Aker-Halton Down Syndrome Association-Yes

A. Mckenzie- Halton Council for Home and School Association-Yes

**Trustees:**

J. Hlusko-Yes

D. Bower-Yes

The Plan was passed with 10 votes for passing the plan and 4 votes against passing the plan.

Members were invited to give a rationale for their vote.

2.3. 2011-2012 Goals and Presentation List Review

The chair went over the list of goals and items for the order paper for next year and asked for any additions if they are needed.

H. Holden discussed the tracking form idea for specific questions that are coming from families through associations.

Canadian Mental Health will present in September, along with J.Oxley. A request was made for a presentation on the Learning Centre in the fall.

H. Holden noted that SEAC should look into seeing if there will be any SEAC training from the Ministry coming up, which would help Halton SEAC become more involved with other SEACs.

The chair asked for comments on the Additional Qualification letter that will be sent to the Ministry.

**3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Question and answer from June 21<sup>st</sup>:

Why are some students not receiving an IPRC annual review even though the parents returned the form to the school indicating that they did not waive the formal IPRC annual review and wished to attend an IPRC annual review?

*Answer: Our practice is that if parents return the IPRC waiver letter requesting an IPRC, an IPRC will occur. If this is does not happen, parents should contact their Principal to follow up. If parents are not satisfied after speaking to their Principal, they should contact the Superintendent of Student Services.*

Discussion took place on IPRC processes and placements.

**4. SEAC DISCUSSION/QUESTION PERIOD**

A copy of the notes from the Primary Complex Needs meeting will be sent to members.

The ABA survey results will be added to the order paper.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

P. Lack/J. Shiels

**33#-11**

“THAT the meeting adjourn.”

**CARRIED**