

Halton District School Board

Minutes of the meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee held in the Boardroom, JW Singleton Centre, Burlington, Ontario, on June 19th, 2007.

- Present: Donna Danielli (Chair); Amy Collard (Vice-Chair); Gisele Murdoch (ABC); Cindy Faria (Autism Ont. –Halton); Leslie Howchin (Community Living Assoc.); Dianna Bower (Halton Down Syndrome Assoc.); Sheri Levy-Abraham (LDAH); Susan Strachan (OAFCCD); Paulyne Lack (Tourette Syndrome Assoc.); Don Vrooman (alt. Trustee); Jacqueline Bevers (Member at Large); Sara Budworth (Member at Large); Ellen Whitehouse (alt. Halton Down Syndrome Assoc.); Sue Adams (alt. LDAH)
- Resource Staff: Al Greyson, Superintendent of Education; Lori Wallace , (Secretary); Wayne Joudrie, Director of Education; Gillian Hall (Regional Coordinator); Mark Wickens (HEPA); Lynne Gurzi (HDEAA);
- Regrets: Jennifer Hlusko (Trustee); Mary Elizabeth Dilly (alt. Trustee); Janet Barton (alt.); Susan Wolak (VIEWS); Craig Newman (alt. VIEWS)
- Absent: Nancy Petch (alt. ABC); Karen Poole-Lawrence (alt. Easter Seals Soc.)

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Chair thanked members for attending this special meeting and recognized Wayne Joudrie, Director of Education in the gallery.

Regrets received from Jennifer Hlusko, Trustee, for an indefinite period. In her absence, Don Vrooman is voting Trustee. There is no representation from VIEWS or Easter Seals Society.

1. Approval of the Agenda

A. Collard / G. Murdoch

37 – 07

“THAT the Agenda be approved, with the amendment to include supplementary materials previously sent to members to be added to the Agenda as Item between Budget and Special Education Plan.”

CARRIED

2. Notices of Motion

S. Levy Abraham would like to defer the LDAH motions to the next meeting in September.

S. Levy Abraham / A. Collard

38 – 07

“THAT the motions brought by LDAH be deferred to the next SEAC Meeting”.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Meeting of June 5th, 2007

C. Faria / G. Murdoch

39 – 07

“THAT the Minutes of June 5th, be approved, with the following changes:

PG. 5 end of LDAH statement, second line, should read:

“Plan says the questionnaire was to be implemented in 2007 – 08”

LDAH rep asks for amendment to include all seven of the LDAH Notices of Motion recorded in the Minutes of June 5th.

Consensus reached to include the Notices of Motion in the June 5th Minutes

A.Collard on Pg. 2 # 4. Motion to add “for SEAC Members” after professional development. Should read “Professional Development for SEAC Members....”

LDAH request for the amended Minutes of June 5th, to be reissued

CARRIED

4. Special Education Budget

Superintendent Greyson reviewed the process and read a prepared statement.

Discussion followed.

5. Supplementary materials previously distributed to SEAC members

There were a number of questions and comments on the sample forms from Student Services, which had been previously distributed to members.

6. Special Education Plan

J. Bevers / L. Howchin

40 – 07

“THAT The Special Education Plan be approved.”

Discussion followed.

Call for recorded vote:

ABC	NO
Autism Soc.	NO
Community Living	YES
Halton Down Syndrome	NO
LDAH	NO
O.A.F.C.C.D.	NO
Tourette Syndrome Assoc.	YES
Trustee Danielli	YES
Trustee Vrooman	YES
J. Bevers	YES
A. Collard	NO
S. Budworth	NO

DEFEATED

Defeated by 7 – 5 vote

Suggestion that the Special Education Plan is standard item on SEAC agenda's

Discussion on striking committee to do a Majority report from SEAC to the Board

G. Murdoch (ABC) left the meeting.

Five minute recess

S Strachan put a motion on the table

S. Strachan / S.Levy-Abraham

41 – 07

**WHEREAS SEAC did not support the Special Education Plan and SEAC wishes to follow our Ministry mandated obligation and advise the Halton District School Board regarding the Special Education Plan,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Halton District School Board SEAC provide a written report to the board prior to their meeting of June 27 and that two SEAC members speak to this report at that meeting.”**

Motion to waive the rules to deal with motion tonight

D Vrooman / D. Bower

42 – 07

“THAT the rules be waived to deal with the motion tonight”. CARRIED

J. Bevers wanted comment noted that the Special Education Plan exhibits clarity and transparency and that it is a student focussed plan; best plan since she has been on SEAC.

Friendly amendment: S Strachan – clarify that not all members need to submit a report; but those who did would have their names on it; would go to the Trustees

D. Bower commented that she supported the work that has been done; but the Plan is not visionary and have a lot of work to do.

Request for recorded vote:

S. Budworth	Yes
A. Collard	Yes
J. Bevers	Yes
Trustee Vrooman	Yes
Trustee Danielli	Yes
Tourette Syndrome Assoc.	Yes
O.A.F.C.D.D.	Yes
LDAH	Yes
Halton Down Syndrome	Yes
Community Living	Yes
Autism Society	Yes

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Amendment to the Motion: it is recognized that only SEAC members wishing to contribute to the report would do so and that the contributing Associations/Members at Large/Trustees would be identified.”

41 – 07 CARRIED

SEAC members can send their reports to Susan Strachan to compile.

LDAH brought forward Motion:

S. Levy-Abraham / A. Collard

43 – 07

“WHEREAS the Special Education Plan on page 11 states that LDA Halton’s July 2005 delegation and checklist has been appended.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Halton District School Board ensure that the LDA Halton delegation presentation and checklist of July 2005 be appended to the Special Education Plan.”

Motion to waive the rules to deal with Motion tonight.

S. Strachan / S. Budworth

44 - 07

“THAT the rules be waived to deal with motion tonight.”

CARRIED

Discussion

Call the motion

43 – 07 CARRIED

Other Business

J. Bevers on SEAC awards – attended 3 presentations and there were more scheduled. She expressed gratitude to SEAC members for helping to present the Awards.

Chair commended Jackie Bevers for the work she had done on the SEAC Awards along with the SEAC Secretary.

D. Bowers wanted to wish Superintendent Greyson all the best in the future in his retirement.

Superintendent Greyson said that it was with mixed feelings that he was reporting on a good news item that SEAC Secretary Lori Wallace has accepted a position with the Facilities Services Dept. of the Board and would be leaving the Student Services Dept. and subsequently leaving the position of Secretary to SEAC. This too, is her last SEAC meeting.

Motion to adjourn

P. Lack / L Howchin

44 – 07

“THAT the Meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Time 9:15 p.m

Recorded by: Lori Wallace