

**GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REPORT OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021** via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Aimee Omstead, Trustee
Linda Qin, Trustee
Martha Vukov, Community Living Windsor-Essex County
Jan Matte-Gasparovic, Autism Ontario
Monica Gilles, Windsor-Essex County Down Syndrome Association
Mary-Ann Fuduric, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County
Bette Turner, Home and School Instruction
Sheila Ruggaber, Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario
Louise Cervini, Indigenous Community Representative

BOARD PERSONNEL

Mike Wilcox, Superintendent of Special Education Services
Kristie Sweet, Supervising Principal of Special Education Services
Michelle Lowes, OPC Elementary Representative
Theresa Williams, OPC Secondary Representative

REGRETS

Suzanne Kovach, Parents for Children's Mental Health

ABSENT

RECORDER

Peggy Russette

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: B. Turner

Seconded by: A. Omstead

That SEAC approve the agenda for September 14, 2021.

The motion was carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: A. Omstead

Seconded by: S. Ruggaber

That SEAC approve the minutes for June 8, 2021.

The motion was carried.

4. Business Arising as a Result of the Minutes

Letter from the Durham District School Board regarding Needs-based Funding/Services for Children with a Diagnosis of Autism – New Pilot Program, was reviewed at the SEAC meeting on June 8, 2021. J. Matte-Gasparovic offered to take the information back to Autism Ontario and review with the committee at the SEAC meeting on September 14, 2021. In consultation with the

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local Autism Ontario chapter, the recommendation to the GECDSB SEAC, was a “no stand” position on this new pilot program at this current time mainly due to the election taking place, which may change the funding model yet again.

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- Meet either the Learning Support Teacher (LST) or MAPS Department Head
- Review their schedule
- Receive a swag bag with school supplies

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Students learning In-Person: the LST (Learning Support Teacher) will work with the Software Support Technician at your child's school. Parents should reach out to the LST at their child's school for any SEA