

Kenora Catholic District School Board

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 17, 2022**

MEETING DATE:	June 17, 2022
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Microsoft Teams Meeting
SUBJECT OF MEETING:	Special Education Advisory Committee
TIME OF MEETING:	1:30 PM –2:30 PM
NEXT MEETING:	Friday, September 23, 2022

	ATTENDANCE	PERSON	TITLE
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Norine Schram	Voting Member - Member at Large, Chair
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diane VanderZande	Voting Member - Member at Large, Vice Chair
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dianne Griffiths	Voting Member - Member at Large
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	KACL to Appoint Member	Voting Member - KACL Representative
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joel Willett	Voting Member - FIREFLY Representative
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sweeney	Voting Member- Trustee Representative
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul White	Director of Education
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Kurtz	Superintendent of Instructional Services
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Batters	Special Education Coordinator
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teresa Gallik	Chair, Board of Trustees
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy McQuillan	Recording Secretary

1. **Opening Prayer – Nicole Kurtz**
2. **Roll Call: Regrets Norine Schram**
3. **Approval of May 17, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

**Approved: Anne Sweeney
Seconded: Dianne Griffith**

4. **Correspondence: Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board – Re: PPM81 - Attached **3**
Review and File**

5. **New Business: Nil**

6. **Professional Development:**

- **Upcoming October 24 Municipal Election and SEAC Member Appointments – Nicole Kurtz**
- **With the election this fall we will be accepting nominations for the SEAC committee.**
- **The [PAAC for SEAC](#) has some good resources for soliciting new members to the SEAC committee.**
- **We will be putting an advertisement in the paper in September.**
- **We could send a letter to all our parents as well as community associations that represent exceptional students.**
- **We would also post on our website information regarding the nomination process with links.**
- **We will share the information to our Catholic Parent Councils in our schools.**
- **Develop a brochure or fact sheet on the SEAC committee.**
- **Diane Vander Zande added that we had done a brochure and bookmark in the past.**

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- The current SEAC term started after the October 2018 election.
- We will send an email to all our community organizations in the fall regarding new members.
- Diane Vander Zande recommended we include Waasegiizhig Nanaandawe'Iywigamig (WNHAC) in the emails to our community associations.
- Joel Willett added we should reach out to the Harmony Center in Red Lake for an agency representative in Red Lake.

7. Business arising from the last meeting:

- Draft SEAC Letter in Support of Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board – Andrea Batters - Attached **5**
 - A. Durham Catholic DSB and Upper Grand DSB PPM 81 Speech Services information, and
 - B. York Catholic DSB – Nursing Shortage Durham Catholic DSB
- Per the ministry instructions, we will hold this letter until the new Minister is appointed. We will discuss at the first SEAC meeting in September.

8. Agency Reports

- FIREFLY – Joel Willett – Attached **6**
- KACL – Vacant
- Other Reports from Members-at-Large
 - Dianne Griffiths – Nothing to report.
 - Diane VanderZande – Nothing to report.
 - Norine Schram - Regrets

9. Trustee Report on the May 17, 2022 Board Meeting– Anne Sweeney

- Building Cultural Connections for First Nation Students – St. John School
- Introduction of New Student Trustees, Zhaawan Kavanaugh and Josh Pitt
- Student Trustee Report
- Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario – Principal of the Year Award
- Occupational Health and Safety Committee Report
- Special Education Advisory Committee Report
- OCSTA 92 General Meeting and Conference Report
- System Retreat
- Municipal and School Board Elections
- Please tap on the link below for details.

https://www.kcdsb.on.ca/news/central_news/from_the_boardroom_for_may_17_2022

11. Coordinator Report – Andrea Batters - Attached **7**

12. Next Meeting: Friday, September 23, 2022 at 1:30PM



May 4, 2022

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Honourable Christine Elliott and Honourable Stephen Lecce

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee are aware that the Province of Ontario is currently challenged by a shortage of nurses. Both the health and education sectors are experiencing the impact of these shortages. Under current legislation, school staff cannot perform the duties of a nurse/registered health care professional. We are concerned with the proposed amendments to PPM 81 which suggest the delegation of controlled acts to non-regulated education workers in schools. We are not supportive of assuming this risk to students, staff and the board.

Though this shortage is not the responsibility of school boards, where school nursing services have not been available, we have supported students with alternate arrangements. We have allowed parents/guardians or a temporary health care service provider, designated by the parents/guardians, to visit the school, adhering to all safety protocols, to provide the health care services for their child. Furthermore, schools are creatively engaging with and providing academic support to students who are at home awaiting nursing care.

We are aware that updates to the Ministry of Health "Family-Managed Home Care/Self-directed Care" program eligibility requirements now include parents/guardians of students with complex medical needs that prevent them from attending school due to the shortage of school nurses. However, this funding is not actionable for parents/guardians who cannot find a nurse to employ, or who cannot take time from work themselves to attend at school.

As indicated in the SickKids report *entitled COVI- 19: Guidance for School Operation during the Pandemic*, dated January 21, 2021, in-person learning is the best learning environment for students. However, some students are unable to attend school with their peers, and their families are bearing much of the burden in managing the care of students who do not have at-school nursing support secured at this time.

While we acknowledge that there are ongoing provincial level discussions occurring across various ministries regarding the nursing shortage, we stand with other boards and request that this government makes it a top priority to develop a solution that allows all children

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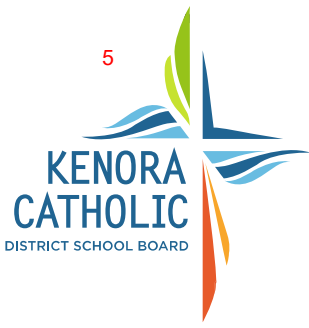
access to the learning they require and deserve, while ensuring that the risks to students, staff and school boards is minimized.

Sincerely,

Alison Rodriguez
Chairperson, SEAC
Community Living Peterborough

Angela Lloyd
Co-Chair, SEAC
Trustee, Township of Cavan,
Monaghan
Township of Douro-Dummer
Township of Otonabee-South
Monaghan

Cc: Chairs of all Ontario Special Advisory Committees
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Lindsey Park, MPP Durham
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May 17 2022

Via email: minister.edu@ontario.ca

The Honorable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Lecce:

On behalf of the Kenora Catholic District School Board, the KCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) stands in support of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board's *Special Education Advisory Committee's* letter concerning:

Policy/Program Memorandum No. 81, Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings in 2021-2022.

Thank you for acknowledging our letter of our shared concerns as outlined by their letter.

Yours in Catholic Education,


Teresa Gallik
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Norine Schram
Chair of SEAC

Cc: Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA)
Ontario Catholic School Boards
Education Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MASCE)
KCDSB SEAC

FIREFLY
KCDSB SEAC update
June 17, 2022

- SBRS OT service: OT service will be assessing clients over the summer to work through waitlist clients. LRTs have been supporting OTs in sending letters home to families to alert them that they may be contacted to bring their child to a FIREFLY office
- COVID-19 protocols: FIREFLY staff will continue to wear medical grade masks during client interactions at this time.
- Urgent response service: currently serving 2 clients and have 2 in process of accessing
- School Support Program: FIREFLY behavior lead met with KCDSB behavior lead to discuss how FIREFLY could support the board with PD to support students with ASD.
- Staffing: Fully staffed for mental health Counsellors, continue to recruit for OT, PT and SLP

 <p>KENORA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</p>	<p>Kenora Catholic District School Board</p> <p>We are a Roman Catholic school system dedicated to excellence in education, the Christian formation of youth, and meaningful partnerships with family, community and the Church.</p>	<p>SEAC Report By Special Education Coordinator</p>
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DATE:	Friday, June 17, 2022
PREPARED FOR:	Special Education Advisory Committee
AGENDA AREA:	Public Session
PREPARED BY:	Andrea Batters, Special Education Coordinator

Regional Special Education Committee (RSEC)	
<p>On June 8, Charlayne Bliss (RRDSB) and I co-chaired the Regional Special Education Committee (RSEC) meeting. Discussion and learning included the following presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ministry Special Education / Success for All Updates from Claudine Munroe, Director of the Special Education / Success for All Branch. Key updates included Early Intervention for Math initiatives, Summer Learning funding, steps in their Right to Read Inquiry response, and the continued review of PPM 81 <i>Provision of health supports in school settings</i>. ● Today's ABA with an update on Dr. Greg Hanley's Presentation by Melissa Bianco, SGDSB, Star-Michelle Lepage, CSDCAB, Tara Johnson, TNCDSB, Sarah Pyzer, KCDSB. Today's Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) promotes individual growth, safety, televisibility and positive relationships. This compassionate approach to supporting positive behaviour is responsive to learners and teaches from joy. ● Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) Martin Smit, Educational Consultant - LD@School spoke about the Right To Read (RTR) report. Martin provided a timeline of the RTR process, key points about the report, and what LDAO is doing in response to the RTR report to support student learning and educator professional development. A number of teachers from KCDSB are attending the annual Educators' Institute which is free for Ontario Educators and takes place this year on August 16 & 17, virtually. ● Northern Adjustment Funding & Project Updates Rick Boisvert & Sylvia Parker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental Health Resource Guide for Supporting Students - Educational Assistant focus Memo to NOEL Directors of Education, RSEC members and Mental Health leads. Led by Sylvia Parker and Joan Kantola (SMHO) with contributions from EA feedback surveys and guidance from regional DSB Mental Health Leads, this Resource Guide for EAs Includes a Resource Kit that is recommended for EA PD to support Mental Health in Students. - Circle of Support Desk Reference - Northern Adjustment Financial Report 	



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SEAC Report
By Special Education Coordinator

Professional Development Day - June 10

The PD Day for **KCDSB Educational Assistants (EAs)** began with a welcome and prayer led by Nicole Kurtz, Superintendent of Instructional Services and Andrea Batters. The theme of the day was educator wellness and self-care.

Presentations and workshops for EAs included:

- **Carolyn Voort: Cultivating more rest and play in our lives and letting go of anxiety as a lifestyle.** Carolyn, Manager of Mental Health & Addictions at the Lake of the Woods District Hospital provided educators with practical tips to take care of one's biological, physical, and mental health needs to increase overall good health and wellness.
- **Karen Richardson: 6 Golden Rules of Financial Planning** shared financially-savvy to strategies to increase personal savings and plan for your future.
- **OTIP Benefits Virtual Overview** Krista Helsel, KCDSB's Manager of Human Resources arranged for three representatives from OTIP to provide a summary of the EA benefits program.
- **Dr. Chris Brown: Wellness Session** - In his candid and humorous talk with educators, Dr. Chris presented useful ways to "find wellness while you stress".

The day concluded with a range of breakout sessions that EAs pre-selected including

- **Homemade Spa Facial Masks** - Dr. Chris Brown
- **Yoga & Mindfulness** - LJ
- **Nature Walk: God's Creation Station** - Cindy Melenchenko & Andrea Batters
- **Clay Prayers** - Natasha Tsevendé
- **Living Joyfully: Mini-Meditations** - Karla Treadway
- **10 Tips for Nutrition Well-Being** - Chelsea Socholotuk (NWHU)

Plans are underway for the **2022-2023 KCDSB Professional Development days** with the school year beginning with two PD days (Aug 30 & 31) that focus on Ministry and board determined topics that prepare staff to support students in their successful return to school and learning.