**SEAC Meeting of October 24, 2016**

**Topic: Consultation on the Special Education Budget**

**BACKGROUND**

At the September meeting SEAC spoke to the need for a better Board consultation process on Budget, which is one of SEAC’s mandates. During the discussion, SEAC representatives identified the issues that impact on their consultation. (See the September Minutes posted at: [www.tdsb.on.ca/seac](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/seac).)

For the October meeting, at SEAC’s request Uton Robinson investigated how Budget consultation is carried out with SEACs in other boards. The following strategies are used in different boards:

* a monthly update is provided, with questions answered by the appropriate staff
* a member from SEAC is on the Budget Committee as a standing member, permitting insights into the entire school budget process
* the draft budget is put together and shared with SEAC with opportunity for their input

**\*\*\*Motion**On motion of David Lepofsky and seconded by Jordan Glass

***Whereas the TDSB is required to consult the Special Education Advisory Committee on its special education budget, SEAC recommends that:***

***TDSB appoint SEAC member Paula Boutis to the SEAC Trustees' Budget Committee, with voting privileges if possible, and if not possible, then without voting privileges.***

# The motion carried.