Proposed Motion  - David Lepofsky – April 9, 2018

Whereas the Special Education Advisory Committee of the Toronto District School Board is created by ONTARIO REGULATION 464/97.

And whereas that regulation provides in subsection 9(3) as follows:

"(3) The members of the committee shall, at their first meeting, elect one of their members as chair and one of their members as vice-chair."

And whereas it is desirable for SEAC to be able to elect any of its members to serve as chair or as vice-chair, in accordance with that regulation.

And whereas SEAC has been advised by TDSB staff that a SEAC by-law provides that either SEAC's chair or vice-chair must be a trustee.

And whereas SEAC has not been able to verify which, if any instrument, imposes that limitation on SEAC's chair or vice-chair, or whether TDSB's Board must approve a change in that practice.

SEAC therefore resolves that:

1. Commencing in January 2019, when the next chair and vice-chair of SEAC are to be elected by SEAC, there should be no restriction on which SEAC member may be elected as SEAC's chair or vice-chair, whether a trustee or non-trustee member of SEAC.

2. For greater certainty, and in the event that the approval of this change is needed by the TDSB Board, SEAC recommends that the TDSB Board amend any by-law or other instrument necessary to enable SEAC to vote for any of its members as its chair or vice-chair.