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Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

MEETING NOTICE – April 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm

<p>TO: Association for Bright Children Autism Society of Ontario – Toronto Brain Injury Society of Toronto Community Living Toronto Down Syndrome Association of Toronto Easter Seals Ontario Epilepsy Toronto Learning Disabilities Association Toronto VIEWS for the Visually Impaired VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children North East Community Reps North West Community Reps South East Community Reps South West Community Reps South West Community Alternate Trustees</p>	<p>Diana Avon Lisa Kness Cynthia Sprigings Clovis Grant Richard Carter Deborah Fletcher Steven Lynette Mark Kovats David Lepofsky Paul Cross Aline Chan Phillip Sargent Olga Ingrahm Nora Green Ken Stein Tiffany Ford</p>	<p>Catherine Drillis Ginny Pearce Michelle McDonald Margarita Isakov Elaine Dodsworth-Lever Adebukola Adenowo-Akpan Sheelagh Hysenaj Jean-Paul Ngana Jordan Glass Paula Boutis Alexander Brown Howard Kaplan</p>
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Item	Business	Time
1.	Call to Order/Quorum Introduction of new SEAC member and department staff	5 min
2.	Approval of the Agenda	
3.	Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest	
4.	Confirmation of March 2, 2015 Minutes	5 min
5.	Presentations/Delegations/Consultations	
6.	SEAC Business & Open Discussion 1. Special Education Funding Advocacy Strategy (Steven Lynette) 2. SEAC Code of Conduct – Review of TDSB PR585 and decision about its adoption as SEAC’s Code of Conduct 3. Ontario Regulation 274/12 and TDSB Teacher Hiring Practices 4. Suggestions for SEAC Meeting Standing Item Trustee Reports 5. Heydon Park Event – May 2015 (Richard Carter) 6. Concussion Policy Working Group (Cynthia Sprigings, Michelle McDonald)	60 min
7.	Business Arising from the March 2, 2015 Minutes 1. Member participation at May 2 nd Provincial SEAC Conference (Chair Steven Lynette and new member Paula Boutis have volunteered – others invited: 1 experienced SEAC member, 1 trustee, 1 Special Education Supervising Officer) 2. Assistive Technology Conference Report (Superintendent Hainbuch, Richard Carter, Nora Green, Lisa Kness, Aline Chan, Jordan Glass)	10 min
8.	Trustee Reports and Follow-up on Previous Action Items	5 min

AGENDA – SEAC Meeting January 12, 2015 (continued)

9.	Reports/Updates from Active SEAC Subcommittees 1. PIAC SEAC Conference Report (Clovis Grant) 2. Special Education Plan Subcommittee Membership (Margo Ratsep)	10 min
10.	Special Education Department Updates (Uton Robinson, Jeff Hainbuch, Ian Allison)	10 min
11.	Correspondence Received by the Chair 1. Email dated March 30, 2015 from Sandy Spyropoulos, TDSB Executive Superintendent, Student Support Services and Care notifying interested SEAC members about the upcoming Mental Health Parent Symposium on May 9, 2015 at Earl Haig Secondary School 2. Copy of letter dated March 11, 2015 to Minister of Education Liz Sandals from Trustee Joyce Bennett, SEAC Chair for Thames Valley DSB re Ontario Regulation 274/12 Teacher Hiring Practices 3. Email dated April 1, 2015 from Diane Montgomery with attached application for SEAC membership, to fill the SE Community Representative vacancy. 4. Copy of letter dated February 11, 2015 to Minister of Education Liz Sandals and Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Brad Duguid from Upper Grand DSB SEAC Chair, Carrie Proudfoot re mandatory Special Education preparatory courses for all teachers graduating from teacher education programs in Ontario. 5. Emailed invitation to all TDSB Community Advisory Committees from Helen Fisher, Central Coordinating Principal, Model Schools for Inner Cities re hosting an information booth at the two Parent Academy Conference locations, April 18 and April 25, 2015 6. Email dated April 8, 2015 from Dr. Steven Reid, Regional Manager Field Services, Toronto and Area Regional Office - Ministry of Education re Change in venue for Provincial SEAC Conference on May 2, 2015 7. Email dated April 10, 2015 from John Manalo, Committee Assistant, TDSB Parent and Community Engagement Office re: Public Consultation on TDSB Governance Structure	5 min
12.	New Business 1. Correspondence Item 1 – SEAC representation at Mental Health Parent Symposium 2. Correspondence Item 3 – Motion required re: Application for SEAC membership 3. Correspondence Item 5 – Decision re hosting and staffing booths at two Parent Academy Conference locations	5 min
15.	Agenda Setting for Future Meetings May Member Presentation – Brain Injury Society of Toronto Staff Presentation – Special Education Funding (Craig Snider) Future Presentation/Consultation Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of Belonging Research (Gillian Parekh) • Assistive Technology Strategy • Special Education Support Staff • Refusal to Admit • Mental Health Strategy 	5 min
16.	Adjournment	

Reminders:

1. April 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm – Pre-meeting Orientation for new SEAC members
2. Upcoming SEAC meetings – Monday, May 4 and June 1, 2015