**SEAC Meeting**

**Electronic**

**March 1, 2021 7 pm**

**Chair- Steve Lynette**

**Vice Chair – Diane Montgomery**

Association for Bright Children (ABC)                        Melissa Rosen

Autism Society of Ontario – Toronto                          Lisa Kness

Black Parent Support Group Tracey Burrell

Community Living Toronto                                       Tracey O’Regan

Epilepsy Toronto Steven Lynette

Down Syndrome Association of Toronto                   Richard Carter

Easter Seals Ontario   Aliza Chagpar

Integrated Action for Inclusion (IAI)                            Tania Principe

VIEWS for the Visually Impaired                               David Lepofsky

VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children                         Shanna Lino

Learning Disability Association Nadia Persaud

CADDAC Juanita Beaudry

LC1                                            Aline Chan Nora Green

LC2                                            Jordan Glass         Jean-Paul Ngana

LC3                                           Olga Ingrahm

LC4                                            Diane Montgomery      Izabella Pruska-Oldenoff,

TDSB Trustees                         Alexander Brown Michelle Aarts

Regrets: Kirsten Doyle

Also present were:

Andrew Gold, Associate Director

Angela Nardi-Addesa, System Superintendent, Special Education and Inclusion

Janine Small, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education

Jennifer Newby, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC4

Effie Stathopoulos, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC1

Susan Moulton, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC2

Cindy Zwicker-Reston, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC 3

Tamara Grealis, Centrally Assigned Principal

Jason To, Centrally Assigned Principal

Vanessa Pfaff, Acessibility

Wendy Terro, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education

Lianne Dixon, TDSB SEAC Liaison

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|  | | **Item** | | **Recommendation/Motion** |
| 1. | | A. Call to Order (quorum)  B. Land Acknowledgement and Welcome  C. Announce Live Streaming of meeting  D. Review of Agenda  E. Approval of Agenda  F. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests  G. Approval of SEAC Minutes from February 2021  H. Comments from Chair  · Decorum  · March Break change  · Topics request for future meetings | | D. Approved  E. Approved  F. No conflicts of interest  G. Approved  H. Announced March break moved to April 12 and if members have suggestions for topics for upcoming meetings to send to Chair |
| 2. | | Introductions of new SEAC member Association (BPSG) and new Community Member Alternates (outline of role of alternate) | | BPSG was introduced and its mandate was outlined. Community alternates were also introduced. |
| 3. | Leadership and Learning Department Staff Update and Discussion   * Academic Pathways and Locally Developed Compulsory Courses * Tamara Grealis and Jason To * February Switch data * Autism Services Kindergarten Kit | **Academic Pathways and Students with Special Education Needs**  Secondary Programs of Study:   * Academic level courses * Applied level courses * Essential level courses   How are we supporting students with special education needs with Academic Pathways?   * Grade 9 de-streamed Mathematics new curriculum 2021   + modifications and accommodations to support students in special education through IEP * Locally Developed Compulsory Course Strategy   + GLE/GLS, ELS2O for additional support * Professional learning for educators and administrators   + Focus on inclusive teaching practices   + Supporting high school teachers with modifying expectations   + Coach support   **February Switch**  Elementary Switch Update   * We started with switch requests for roughly 9,000 TDSB students * 3,271 students have been moved into VS as part of the February switch * 2,177 students have been moved from Virtual School to in-person B&M as part of the February switch * Update on Hubs: LC1 = 2, LC2 = 6, LC3 = 6 * Almost 400 students have been placed in hubs * Switch requests from approximately 500 students in Quintiles 2 and 1 have not been facilitated; additional space may become available between now and Friday, February 26.   **Special Education Switch Update**  Resource - 661 In-Person to Virtual 308 Virtual In-Person  Gifted - 78 In-Person to Virtual / 38 Virtual In-Person  Behaviour - 5 In-Person to Virtual / 0 Virtual In-Person  DD - 30 In-Person to Virtual / 11 Virtual In-Person  LD - 9 In-Person to Virtual / 4 Virtual In-Person  HSP - 51 In-Person to Virtual / 37 Virtual In-Person  Autism - 9 In-Person to Virtual / 8 Virtual In-Person  MID - 24 In-Person to Virtual / 8 Virtual In-Person  Diag - 15 In-Person to Virtual / 3 Virtual In-Person  PD - 3 In-Person to Virtual / 0 Virtual In-Person  Total - 885 In-Person to Virtual / 417 Virtual In-Person  **Autism Services Kindergarten Kit**  Autism Services has introduced “Supporting the Kindergarten Experience”, a comprehensive 7 booklet digital kit that can be used to assist teachers and DECEs in supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) transition into full-day Kindergarten.  Topics within the booklets include: ASD, Using Visuals, Transitions, Communication and Behaviour, Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Strategies, The Learning Day, and Home-School Communication. Each book can be used as a standalone resource or as part of a larger kit.  Autism Services: Key to Learn Webinars - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17S7hPPlIKFrSkkV8cpmTqqhEFbiCysxm/view?usp=sharing> | |
| 4. | PAAC on SEAC Survey | The Executive summary and report on results of the PAAC survey had been shared previously. The Chair requested that any concerns, questions be shared with SEAC.  [Report on Results of PAAC on SEAC 2020 Survey](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FIPDDSXln-aEROZ1SYf_v3icbTjpL549/view?usp=sharing)  [PAAC on SEAC 2020 Survey Executive Summary Action Items](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15IzWfEat2vvSdS9QTvMjQMAvwjCxGSiy/view?usp=sharing) | |
| 5. | Trustees’ Report | No Report | |
| 6. | Working Groups -   * Budget/Communication/Sp. Ed. Plan/Action Plans | Special Education Plan working group is planning to send out a request for input to all members. | |
| 7. | SEAC Member Reports | World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – March 21  Epilepsy Awareness – Purple Day – March 26th | |
| 8. | Other Business | Adjourned  Next Meeting April 19th – 7 pm Electronic | |