

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

A G E N D A

NOTE: PUBLIC SESSION will commence at 6:00 P.M., followed immediately by the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE in CLOSED SESSION (GEORGIAN ROOM). PUBLIC SESSION will resume AT 7:30 P.M (ROY EDWARDS ROOM).

PUBLIC SESSION

- A. (1) Roll Call
- (2) Approval of Agenda
- (3) Approval of Minutes
 - (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held February 22, 2012
 - (b) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held March 7, 2012
- (4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

CLOSED SESSION

- B. Committee of the Whole

PUBLIC SESSION

- C. (1) Report from Student Trustees
- (2) Trustee Tribute
Arlana Bickell, Student, Twin Lakes Secondary School
- (3) Delegations/ Presentations
 - 1. Laura LaChance Re: Special Education Advisory Committee – Time Sensitive Motion – March 19, 2012
 - 2. Angie Bridekirk Re: Special Education Advisory Committee – Time Sensitive Motion – March 19, 2012

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- (1) Report from the Closed Session of the Board in Committee of the Whole
- (2) Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:
Motion(s) for which notice was given at previous Board Meeting - Nil
- (3) Notice of Time Sensitive Motions from Statutory Committees
 - (a) Special Education Advisory Committee – Time Sensitive Motion
March 19, 2012
- (4) Committee Minutes/Reports - Items for Decision
 - (a) Report of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting held March 7, 2012
 - (b) Report of the Program Standing Committee Meeting held March 21, 2012
(REPORT TO FOLLOW)

- (5) Staff Reports – Items for Decision
 - (a) First Nations Trustee Representative on the Simcoe County District School Board
- (6) Committee Minutes/Reports - Items for Information
 - (a) Report of the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting held January 25, 2012
 - (b) Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held February 13, 2012
 - (c) Report of the Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting held March 21, 2012 **(REPORT TO FOLLOW)**
- (7) Staff Reports - Items for Information - Nil

E. OTHER MATTERS

- (1) Reports from Liaison Members
- (2) Notices of Motion for next meeting
- (3) Questions and Proposals from Trustees
- (4) Professional Development Seminars Attendance
- (5) Reports/Update from Staff
- (6) Correspondence - Nil

F. FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD, STANDING COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting – April 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. – Kempenfelt Room
 Special ARC Board Meeting (2011:01) – Port McNicoll PS, Victoria Harbour ES, Waubaushene ES, Waubaushene Pines ES – April 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. – Roy Edwards Room
 First Nations Meeting – April 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. – Georgian Room
 Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting – April 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
 Program Standing Committee Meeting – April 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
 Special ARC Board Meeting (2011:01) – Port McNicoll PS, Victoria Harbour ES, Waubaushene ES, Waubaushene Pines ES – April 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. **(if required)** – Roy Edwards Room
 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – April 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. – Georgian Room
 Special ARC Board Meeting (2011:02) – Coldwater PS, Moonstone ES, Warminster ES – April 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. – Roy Edwards Room
 Parent Involvement Committee Meeting – April 18, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. – Couchiching Room
 Special ARC Board Meeting (2011:02) – Coldwater PS, Moonstone ES, Warminster ES – April 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. **(if required)** – Roy Edwards Room
 OSSTF Trustee Liaison Meeting – April 25, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. – Coldwater Room
 Regular Meeting of the Board – April 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by the Committee of the Whole in Closed Session (Georgian Room), Public Session will resume at 7:30 P.M (Roy Edwards Room)

G. ADJOURNMENT

SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PUBLIC SESSION

REVISED RECOMMENDED ACTION – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

REPORT	FYI	Decision Req.	MOTION
			Call Meeting to order. Roll Call
		√	That the agenda be approved as printed.
A-3-a Board Minutes February 22, 2012		√	That the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held Wednesday, February 22, 2012 be approved as printed.
A-3-b Special Board Minutes - March 7, 2012		√	That the Minutes of the Special Board meeting held Wednesday, March 7, 2012 be approved as printed.
			Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
MOTION		√	That we go into Closed Session of the Committee of the Whole
PUBLIC SESSION			
C-1			Report from Student Trustees
C-2 Trustee Tribute			Arlana Bickell, Student, Twin Lakes Secondary School
C-3 Delegations			1. Laura LaChance Re: Special Education Advisory Committee – Time Sensitive Motion – March 19, 2012 2. Angie Bridekirk Re: Special Education Advisory Committee – Time Sensitive Motion – March 19, 2012
D-1		√	Report from the Closed Session of the Board in Committee of the Whole
D-2-a Matters Arising from Previous Meeting			Nil
D-3-a Special Education Advisory Committee – Time Sensitive Motion March 19, 2012		√	That the Board approve that the Board cease use of all Blocker Shields with students as they negatively impact on the dignity and human rights of the students and create a negative social message which promotes fear and exclusion, as set out in Report No. D-3-a, Special Education Advisory Committee – Time Sensitive Motion – March 19, 2012.

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<p>D-4-a Business and Facilities March 7, 2012</p>		<p>√ √ √ √</p>	<p>(1) That the Board approve the joint use agreement with the Township of Springwater, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-1, Joint Use Agreement – Springwater Room Elmvale Arena, dated March 7, 2012. (2) That the Board approve the revision to Policy No. 2260, Intellectual Property, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-2, Revision to Policy No. 2260, Intellectual Property, dated March 7, 2012. (3) That the Board approve the revision to Policy No. 2340, Community Use of Facilities, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-3, Revision to Policy No. 2340, Community Use of Facilities, dated March 7, 2012. (4) That the Board approve the revision to Policy No. 4410, Admission of Foreign Nationals to Simcoe County District School Board Schools, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-4, Revision to Policy No. 4410, Admission of Foreign Nationals to Simcoe County District School Board Schools, dated March 7, 2012.</p>
<p>D-4-b Program Services March 21, 2012</p>		<p>√</p>	<p>That the Board approve revisions to Policy No. 4106, Homework Activities to Support Student Learning, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. PRO-D-1, Revisions to Policy no. 4106, Homework Activities to Support Student Learning, dated March 21, 2012.</p>
<p>D-5-a First Nations Trustee Representative on the Simcoe County District School Board</p>		<p>√</p>	<p>That the Board appoint Amanda Monague as the First Nations Trustee Representative on the Simcoe County District School Board effective March 31, 2012, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, First Nations Trustee Representative on the Simcoe County District School Board, dated March 28, 2012.</p>
<p>D-6-a PIC – January 25, 2012</p>	<p>√</p>		
<p>D-6-b SEAC February 13, 2012</p>	<p>√</p>		
<p>D-6-c Human Resources March 21, 2012</p>	<p>√</p>		
<p>E-1 Reports from Liaison Members</p>			
<p>E-2 Notices of Motion for Next Meeting</p>			
<p>E-3 Questions and Proposals from Trustees</p>			
<p>E-4 Professional Development Seminars Attendance</p>			

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E-5 Reports/Update from Staff			
E-6 Correspondence			Nil
Future Business			
Adjournment		√	Motion to Adjourn

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: The Secretary

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD HELD FEBRUARY 22, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Simcoe County District School Board was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at the Education Centre.

A. (1) Roll Call

PRESENT:

Trustees

Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock (Vice-chairperson),
Nicole Black, Debra Edwards, Suzanne Ley, Jodi Lloyd,
Michele Locke, Krista Mayne, Robert North (Chairperson),
Caroline Smith, Christine Williams.

REGRETS:

Trustees:

Jeff Monague.

PRESENT:

Student Trustees:

Frank Li, Matt Stergiou.

REGRETS

Student Trustees:

Victoria Edwards.

Recording Secretary

Betty Gregory.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Director Wallace requested the addition of a report regarding trustee absence to the agenda.

(2) Approval of Agenda

Moved by Caroline Smith
Seconded by Michele Locke

That the Agenda be approved as revised.

CARRIED

(3) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held January 18, 2012 (A-3-a)

Moved by Nicole Black
Seconded by Christine Williams

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held Wednesday, January 18, 2012 be approved as printed.

CARRIED

(4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – Nil

B. Committee of the Whole

Moved by Nicole Black
Seconded by Michele Locke

That the Board move into Committee of the Whole in Closed Session at this time.

CARRIED

The Public Session of the Board re-convened at 7:30 p.m.

C. (1) Report from the Student Trustees

Student Trustee Matt Stergiou and Frank Li referenced the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) Student Senate initiatives and their work with administration on next steps for the strategy to reduce bottled water usage in SCDSB buildings. The SCDSB Student Senate also discussed technology in schools and the need for additional training with this technology. Trustees Jodi Lloyd and Suzanne Ley attended the Student Senate meeting and discussed specialized programs, such as the International Baccalaureate program.

(2) Trustee Tribute

Dave Clark, Teacher, Uptergrove Public School

Trustee Jodi Lloyd presented Dave Clark, a teacher at Uptergrove Public School, with a Trustee Tribute for his work creating the “Stamp Out Hunger” program. Over the past seven years this program has raised almost 1,900,000 food items, with more than one million items collected this year alone. Trustee Lloyd praised Dave for his dedication to this cause and his commitment to teaching his students the importance of giving back to the community.

Delegations

1. Lisa Robertson Re: Capital Plan 2012.
2. Danielle Clements and Wendy Cassell Re: Relocation of the Developmental Skills Classes at Maplevue Heights Elementary School.
3. Anna Wright Re: Developmental Skills Program at Maplevue Heights Elementary School.
4. Pam Burke Re: Capital Plan and Capital Priority List.
5. Stuart Bailey Re: Capital Plan.

Chairperson North thanked the delegations for their presentations.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

(1) Report from the Closed Session of the board in Committee of the Whole

Report from the Closed Session of the Board in Committee of the Whole from February 22, 2012:

That the Board ratify the following recommendations taken in the Closed Session meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, February 22, 2012:

(1,2)

Moved by Caroline Smith
Seconded by Michele Locke

(1)

#BP-2012-02-22-07

That the Board approve a one year lease renewal extension for the Collingwood Alternative Program, as set out in Report No. CL-BF-D-1, Collingwood Alternative Program Lease Renewal, dated February 1, 2012.

(2)

#BP-2012-02-22-08

That the Board approve the school administrator appointments, as set out in Report No. CL-B-2-a, School Administrator Appointments, dated February 22, 2012.

CARRIED

(2) Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

Motion(s) for which notice was given at previous Board meeting - Nil

(3) Notice of Time Sensitive Motions from Statutory Committee – Nil

(4) Committee Minutes/Reports – Items for Decision

Report of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting
held February 1, 2012 (D-4-a)

(1)

Moved by Caroline Smith
Seconded by Jodi Lloyd

#BF-2012-02-01-09

That the Board approve the attendance areas for Birchview Dunes Elementary School, Byng Public School, Clearview Elementary School, New Lowell Central Public School and Worsley Elementary School for implementation in September 2012, as set out in APPENDIX B of Report No. BF-D-1, Attendance Area Review (AAR): Byng Public School, Birchview Dunes Elementary School, Clearview Meadows Elementary School, Minesing Central Public School and Worsley Elementary School, dated February 1, 2012.

CARRIED

Superintendent Phyllis Hili responded to questions from Trustees regarding the process for placement of Developmental Skills (DS) students, including the review of student profiles, location of secondary school, transitions and pathways for students, connection to the local community, length of transportation time and consultation with parents and students.

Superintendent Bailey responded to questions regarding communication and notification to all parents regarding the Attendance Area Review. Superintendent Bailey advised that a notice was sent home to the entire school community, and information was included in the School Newsletter, including links to the board's website to access information on the review process.

Superintendent of Facilities, John Dance responded to questions regarding the cost of moving DS classes and specialized equipment. Superintendent Dance advised that Special Education facilities and equipment are supported through funding from the ministry and we must ensure that the space is appropriate to meet the specific needs of these students. Superintendent Hili added that SEA equipment follows the individual students. Superintendent Hili also noted that the location of County Classes is reviewed on an annual basis and involves appropriate consultation regarding students and their home location. Information is brought forward to SEAC as part of the budget consultation process.

Moved by Suzanne Ley
Seconded by Jodi Lloyd

(2)

#BF-2012-02-01-10

That the Board approve the attendance areas for Maplevue Heights and Willow Landing Elementary Schools as shown in option 2, for implementation in September 2012, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-2, Attendance Area Review (AAR): Maplevue Heights Elementary School, Warnica Public School and Willow Landing Elementary School, dated February 1, 2012.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Christine Williams
Seconded by Caroline Smith

#BF-2012-02-01-10AD

That the Board approve that it Insert after the words Elementary Schools the following: 'including the preservation of the two Developmental Skills Classes at Maplevue Heights Elementary School.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

(2)

#BF-2012-02-01-10

That the Board approve the attendance areas for Maplevue Heights and Willow Landing Elementary Schools as shown in option 2, for implementation in September 2012, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-2, Attendance Area Review (AAR): Maplevue Heights Elementary School, Warnica Public School and Willow Landing Elementary School, dated February 1, 2012.

CARRIED

MOTION TO RECESS

Moved by Debra Edwards
Seconded by Peter Beacock

That the meeting be recessed at this time.

CARRIED

The meeting re-convened at 9:05 p.m.

(3)

Moved by Christine Williams
Seconded by Peter Beacock

#BF-2012-02-01-11

That the Board continue with the existing School Basic Budget model for the fiscal year 2012–2013, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, 2012-2013 School Basic Budget Model, dated February 1, 2012.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Frank Li and Matt Stergiou left the meeting at this time.

Report of the Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting
held February 8, 2012 (D-4-b)

Moved by Christine Williams
Seconded by Donna Armstrong

#HR-2012-02-08-12

That the Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 2185, Community, Student and Employee Recognition, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. HR-D-1, Revisions to Policy No. 2185, Community, Student and Employee Recognition, dated February 8, 2012.

CARRIED

Report of the Program Standing Committee Meeting
held February 8, 2012 (D-4-c)

(1)
Moved by Caroline Smith
Seconded by Peter Beacock

#PRO-2012-02-08-13

That the Board approve the submission of the regular school year calendar for 2012-2013 to the Ministry of Education for approval, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. PRO-D-1, Regular School Year Calendar 2012-2013, dated February 8, 2012.

CARRIED

(2)
Moved by Suzanne Ley
Seconded by Nicole Black

#PRO-2012-02-08-14

That the Board approve the submission of the modified school year calendar for Ernest Cumberland Elementary School for 2012-2013 to the Ministry of Education for approval, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. PRO-D-2, Modified School Year Calendar 2012-2013 – Ernest Cumberland Elementary School, dated February 8, 2012.

CARRIED

(3)
Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Krista Mayne

#PRO-2012-02-08-15

That the Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 4260, Healthy Food and Beverage, as set out in APPENDIX B of Report No. PRO-D-3, Revisions to Policy No. 4260, Healthy Food and Beverage, dated February 8, 2012.

CARRIED

(5) Staff Reports – Items for Decision

Response to Minister of Education – ARC 2010:03 Alliston Elementary Schools (D-5-a)

Superintendent Dance indicated that the board received a letter and a copy of a petition sent to the Minister of Education requesting an administrative review of the review process for the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) 2010:03, which resulted in the decision to replace Alliston Union Public School on a site in the north western area of the community.

Moved by Nicole Black
Seconded by Christine Williams

#BP-2012-02-22-16

That the Board approve the response to the Minister of Education confirming that Board Policy 2313 Pupil Accommodation Review was followed for ARC 2010:03, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, Response to the Minister of Education – ARC 2010:03 Alliston Elementary Schools, dated February 22, 2012.

CARRIED

By-law Number D-2012-1 for Ontario Financing Authority Long-Term Financing (D-5-b)

Brian Jeffs, Superintendent of Business provided a brief overview of the report.

The Ministry of Education and Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) require participating school boards to pass the necessary by-laws authorizing the long-term financing agreement with the OFA. The loan documents have been reviewed by the law firm Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.

Moved by Suzanne Ley
Seconded by Christine Williams

#BP-2012-02-22-17

That the Board ratify By-law Number D-2012-1 to authorize the Ontario Financing Authority long-term financing agreement in the principal amount of \$39,540,630 pursuant to a loan agreement under Ontario Regulation 41/10, as set out in Report No. D-5-b, By-law Number D-2012-1 for Ontario Financing Authority Long-Term Financing, dated February 22, 2012.

CARRIED

Capital Plan – 2011 (D-5-c)

At the January 18, 2012 Board meeting, trustees approved that the recommendations from the January Business and Facilities Standing Committee meeting regarding “Capital Plan” be postponed to the February 2012 Board meeting.

(1)
Moved by Christine Williams
Seconded by Debra Edwards

#BF-2012-01-11-18

That the Board approve that an Attendance Area Review be undertaken, commencing after September 2012 in the Orillia Secondary Review Area that includes Orillia District C.V.I, Park Street Collegiate Institute and Twin Lakes Secondary School, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Capital Plan – 2011, dated January 11, 2012.

CARRIED

(2)
Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Christine Williams

#BF-2012-01-11-19

That the Board approve that an Attendance Area Review be undertaken, commencing after September 2012 in the Southeast Central Review Area that includes Alcona Glen Elementary School, Goodfellow Public School, Innisfil Central Public School, Killarney Beach Public School and Sunnybrae Public School, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Capital Plan – 2011, dated January 11, 2012.

CARRIED

- (3)
Moved by Christine Williams
Seconded by Suzanne Ley

#BF-2012-01-11-20

That the Board approve that an Attendance Area Review be undertaken, commencing after September 2012 in the Southeast Barrie Review Area that includes Hewitt's Creek Public School, and the New Innishore South Elementary School, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Capital Plan – 2011, dated January 11, 2012.

CARRIED

- (4)
Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Debra Edwards

#BF-2012-01-11-21

That the Board direct staff to pursue viable financial partnerships, in accordance with Board Policy 2345, Facility Partnerships, relating to the shared development and use of an Orillia Secondary School (New) replacement, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Capital Plan -2011, dated January 11, 2012.

CARRIED

- (5)
Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Michele Locke

#BF-2012-01-11-22

That the Board approve that it direct staff to pursue viable financial partnerships, in accordance with Policy 2345, Facility Partnerships, relating to the shared development and use of an addition/renovation to Elmvale District High School, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Capital Plan – 2011, dated January 11, 2012.

CARRIED

- (6)
Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Jodi Lloyd

#BF-2012-01-11-23

That the Board approve holding schools and designate the schools closed to out of area students as of September 1, 2012, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Capital Plan – 2011, dated January 11, 2012.

CARRIED

Chairperson Robert North suggested that the September 1, 2012 date be changed to align with the Modified School Year Calendar early start for Ernest Cumberland Elementary School as it is included in the list of holding schools.

- (7)
Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Krista Mayne

#BF-2012-01-11-24

That the Board approve schools closed to out of area students as of September 1, 2012, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Capital Plan – 2011, dated January 11, 2012.

CARRIED

(8)
Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Krista Mayne

#BF-2012-01-11-25

That the Board approve that an Attendance Area Review be undertaken, commencing after September 2012 in the Southwest Barrie Review Area that includes Ferndale Woods Elementary School and Holly Meadows Elementary School, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Capital Plan – 2011, dated January 11, 2012.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

(9)
Moved by Debra Edwards
Seconded by Michele Locke

#BP-2012-01-11-25A

That the Simcoe County District School Board delete 'addition and renovation/or' in the Capital Plan/Orillia Secondary Schools. (Pg. 20, 21)

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Moved by Krista Mayne
Seconded by Michele Locke

#BF-2012-01-11-26

That the Board approve the Priority Capital Project list as amended, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Capital Plan – 2011, dated January 11, 2012.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENT

(10)
Moved by Krista Mayne
Seconded by Caroline Smith

#BF-2012-01-11-27A

That the Board approve the deletion of the words '400 pupil places on Page 25 of Report No. BF-D-3 - Capital Plan 2011.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Krista Mayne

#BF-2012-01-11-03-28

That the Board approve the Capital Plan as amended, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Capital Plan – 2011, dated January 11, 2012.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Caroline Smith left the meeting at this time.

MOTION

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Michele Locke

That the Board continue past 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Trustee Absences (D-5-d)

Trustee Monague has been absent from the December 21, 2011 and January 18, 2012 regular meetings of the board.

Chair North received an email on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 informing him that Trustee Monague will need to be away from his duties as a Board member of the Simcoe County District School Board until April 1, 2012. He would therefore miss the regular board meetings of February 22, 2012 and March 28, 2012.

Moved by Debra Edwards
Seconded by Michele Locke

#BP-2012-02-22-29

That the Simcoe County District School Board excuse the absences of Trustee Jeff Monague.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Donna Armstrong
Seconded by Suzanne Ley

That the Board continue the meeting past 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

(6) Committee Minutes/Reports – Items for Information

Report of the First Nations Advisory Committee Meeting held October 19, 2011 (D-6-a)

This report was provided as information.

Report of the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting held November 23, 2011 (D-6-b)

This report was provided as information.

Report of the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting held January 16, 2012 (D-6-c)

Trustee Nicole Black is unable to continue in her role as representative on the SCDSB Parent Involvement Committee (PIC).

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Nicole Black

#BP-2012-02-22-07-30

That Trustee Peter Beacock be appointed Trustee Representative on the Parent Involvement Committee.

CARRIED

(7) Staff Reports – Items for Information - Nil

First Nation Enrolment Number (D-7-a)

Enrolment data was extracted from the Board's student information system for the purpose of reporting student data to the Ministry of Education through OnSIS for the October 31, 2011 count date. The report detailed the enrolment of First Nation students attending SCDSB schools under the effective Educational Services Agreements with Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation.

This report was provided as information.

E. OTHER MATTERS

(1) Reports from Liaison Members - Nil

(2) Notices of Motion for next meeting – Nil

(3) Questions and Proposals from Trustees

Trustee Christine Williams reported that 10 students from Innisdale Secondary School are taking part in the DECA (Developing Excellence Celebrating Achievement) International Career Development Conference event in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 21 to 24, 2012.

(4) Professional Development Seminars Attendance - Nil

(5) Reports/Update from Staff

Director Kathryn Wallace reported that the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has entered into a partnership with Onomichi Higashi Prefectural High School in Japan. This partnership will offer many opportunities for SCDSB students to host Japanese students and share in cultural learning. Currently, Bear Creek Secondary School and Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School have expressed an interest in participating in the program, and Director Wallace expects this program to expand to other SCDSB schools as the partnership is developed.

(6) Correspondence – Nil

**F. FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD, STANDING COMMITTEES
AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Business and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting – March 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. –
Georgian Room

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – March 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. –
Georgian Room

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting – March 21, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. –
Kempfenfelt Room

Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting – March 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. –
Georgian Room

Program Standing Committee Meeting – March 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. –
Georgian Room

OPC/Trustee Liaison Committee Meeting – March 28, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. –
Coldwater Room

Regular Meeting of the Board – March 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by
the Committee of the Whole in Closed Session (Georgian Room), Public Session will
resume at 7:30 P.M (Roy Edwards Room)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Krista Mayne

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

CARRIED

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: The Secretary

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD HELD MARCH 7, 2012**

A Special Meeting of the Simcoe County District School Board was held on Wednesday,
March 7, 2012 at the Education Centre.

A. (1) Roll Call

PRESENT:

Trustees

Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock (Vice-chairperson),
Suzanne Ley, Jodi Lloyd, Michele Locke, Krista Mayne,
Robert North (Chairperson), Caroline Smith, Christine Williams.

REGRETS:

Trustees

Nicole Black, Debra Edwards, Jeff Monague.

ABSENT

Student Trustees:

Victoria Edwards, Frank Li, Matt Stergiou.

Recording Secretary

Betty Gregory.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

(2) Approval of Agenda

Moved by Krista Mayne

Seconded by Christine Williams

That the Agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

(3) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – Nil

B. Committee of the Whole

Moved by Krista Mayne

Seconded by Christine Williams

That the Board move into Committee of the Whole in Closed Session at this time.

CARRIED

The Public Session of the Board re-convened at 9:55 p.m.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- (1) Report from the Special Closed Session of the Board in Committee of the Whole from March 7, 2012.

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Caroline Smith

#SBP-2012-03-07-31

That the Board approve the school administrator appointment, as set out in Report No. CL-B-1-a, School Administrator Appointment, dated March 7, 2012.

CARRIED

**D. FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD, STANDING COMMITTEES
AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – March 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. –
Georgian Room

Human Resources Standing Committee Meeting – March 21, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. –
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OPC/Trustee Liaison Meeting – March 28, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. – Coldwater Room

Regular Meeting of the Board – March 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by
the Committee of the Whole in Closed Session (Georgian Room), Public Session will
resume at 7:30 p.m. (Roy Edwards Room).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Suzanne Ley
Seconded by Krista Mayne

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE –TIME SENSITIVE MOTION,
MARCH 19, 2012**

1. Background

At the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting of March 19, 2012, SEAC members discussed concerns regarding the use of blocker shields with students.

Below is the time sensitive motion, which was approved by SEAC members on March 19, 2012:

That the Special Education Advisory Committee Recommends that the Board cease use of all Blocker Shields with students as they negatively impact on the dignity and human rights of the students and create a negative social message which promotes fear and exclusion.

2. Status

At the SEAC Meeting of March 19, 2012, SEAC Members also approved the following motion:

That SEAC gives authority to Laura LaChance to present the time sensitive motion regarding the use of Blocker Shields to the Board on March 28, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve that the Board cease use of all Blocker Shields with students as they negatively impact on the dignity and human rights of the students and create a negative social message which promotes fear and exclusion, as set out in Report No. D-3-a, Special Education Advisory Committee – Time Sensitive Motion, March 19, 2012, dated March 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by:

Phyllis Hili
Superintendent of Education

Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace
Director of Education

March 28, 2012

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Business and Facilities Standing Committee

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE BUSINESS AND
FACILITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012**

The Business and Facilities Standing Committee met in Public Session on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at the Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Committee Members

Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock, Suzanne Ley, Michele Locke, Jodi Lloyd (Chairperson), Krista Mayne, Robert North, Caroline Smith, Christine Williams (fulfilling the role of Vice-Chairperson).

Administration

Kathy Bailey, Steve Blake, John Dance, Phyllis Hili, Brian Jeffs, Janis Medysky, Paula Murphy, Anita Simpson, Paul Sloan, Kathryn Wallace.

Student Trustees

Victoria Edwards.

Staff

Brad Parkes.

REGRETS:

Committee Members

Nicole Black, Debra Edwards, Jeff Monague.

ABSENT:

Student Trustees

Frank Li, Matt Stergiou.

Recording Secretary

Tina Bazuk.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Robert North

That the agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – Nil

Election of Vice-Chairperson

In the absence of Vice-Chairperson Black, Chairperson Lloyd called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee for the evening.

Moved by Donna Armstrong
Seconded by Peter Beacock

That Trustee Williams be nominated for election as Vice-Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee for the evening.

Trustee Williams indicated that she would stand.

Chairperson Lloyd called for further nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee.

There being no further nominations, Trustee Williams was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson of the Business and Facilities Standing Committee for the evening.

CARRIED

Trustee Williams assumed the position of Vice-Chairperson at this time.

MOTION

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Robert North

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

The Business and Facilities Standing Committee reconvened in Public Session at 6:10 p.m.

Presentations

John Dance, Superintendent of Facility Services introduced Brad Parkes, Manager of Design and Construction Services who introduced Lubomir Dzomba, Partner, Stafford Haensli Architects Inc. Mr. Dzomba presented the final design for the new Innishore South Elementary School.

Manager Parkes and Mr. Dzomba responded to questions from trustees at this time.

Superintendent Dance thanked the members of the design committee for all their hard work during this process.

Items for Committee Decision

1. Joint Use Agreement – Springwater Room Elmvale Arena (BF-D-1)

Superintendent Dance provided an overview of the report which outlines the Joint Use Agreement between the Township of Springwater and the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB). The Township of Springwater shall make the Springwater Room in the Elmvale Arena available to Elmvale District High School (EDHS) during school hours for the purpose of physical education programs. In return the SCDSB shall make available the use of SCDSB fitness equipment located within the Springwater room during non-school hours to the municipality. The facility and equipment is to be used solely for the purpose of conducting appropriately supervised physical education programs and community use programs.

Superintendent Dance responded to questions from trustees at this time.

(1)

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Michele Locke

#BF-2012-03-07-35

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve the joint use agreement with the Township of Springwater, as outlined in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-1, Joint Use Agreement – Springwater Room Elmvale Arena, dated March 7, 2012.

CARRIED

2. Revision to Policy No. 2260 – Intellectual Property (BF-D-2)

Brian Jeffs, Superintendent of Business Services provided an overview of the revised policy. Revisions have been made to further define board intellectual property.

Superintendent Jeffs responded to questions from trustees at this time.

(2)

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Krista Mayne

#BF-2012-03-07-36

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve the revision to Policy No. 2260 – Intellectual Property, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-2, Revision to Policy No. 2260 – Intellectual Property, dated March 7, 2012.

CARRIED

3. Revision to Policy No. 2340 – Community Use of Facilities (BF-D-3)

Superintendent Dance provided an overview of the revised policy. Revisions have been made to update the policy and reflect current Board practices.

Superintendent Dance responded to questions from trustees at this time.

(3)

Moved by Robert North
Seconded by Krista Mayne

#BF-2012-03-07-37

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve the revision to Policy No. 2340 – Community Use of Facilities, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-3, Revision to Policy No. 2340 – Community Use of Facilities, dated March 7, 2012.

CARRIED

4. Revision to Policy No. 4410 – Admission of Foreign Nationals to Simcoe County District School Board Schools (BF-D-4)

Superintendent Jeffs provided an overview of the revised policy. Revisions have been made to remove items that no longer apply, are duplicated in legislation or are procedural.

Superintendent Jeffs responded to questions from trustees at this time.

(4)

Moved by Michele Locke
Seconded by Peter Beacock

#BF-2012-03-07-38

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve the revision to Policy No. 4410 – Admission of Foreign Nationals to Simcoe County District School Board Schools, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-4, Revision to Policy No. 4410 – Admission of Foreign Nationals to Simcoe County District School Board Schools, dated March 7, 2012.

CARRIED

Items for Information

1. Contract Awards Within Approved Budget (BF-I-1)

Superintendent Jeffs provided an overview of the report which summarizes the awarded contracts within approved budget.

Superintendent Jeffs responded to questions from trustees at this time.

This report was provided for information.

2. New Innishore South Elementary School (BF-I-2)

Superintendent Dance provided an overview of the report. On July 7, 2011 the Board received approval for the construction of Innishore South Elementary School to be funded from Capital Priorities and Full-Day Kindergarten. The Innishore South project will be constructed on property purchased by the Board on The Queensway in the City of Barrie. Stafford Haensli Architects Inc. were selected to provide professional services to design and oversee the construction of the new facility.

Superintendent Dance responded to questions from trustees at this time.

This report was provided for information.

Correspondence – Nil

Other Matters

Trustee Ley and Superintendent Jeffs advised that the Board will be posting a recruitment ad on the Simcoe County District School Board website for an External Member of the Audit Committee. Deadline for application submissions will be Friday, March 30, 2012. At this time we have one qualified individual interested in participating in the Audit Committee as an External Member.

Notices of Motion for Next Meeting - Nil

MOTION

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Suzanne Ley

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board approve the joint use agreement with the Township of Springwater, as outlined in APPENDIX A of Report No. BF-D-1, Joint Use Agreement – Springwater Room Elmvalle Arena, dated March 7, 2012.
2. That the Board approve the revision to Policy No. 2260 – Intellectual Property, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-2, Revision to Policy No. 2260 – Intellectual Property, dated March 7, 2012.
3. That the Board approve the revision to Policy No. 2340 – Community Use of Facilities, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-3, Revision to Policy No. 2340 – Community Use of Facilities, dated March 7, 2012.
4. That the Board approve the revision to Policy No. 4410 – Admission of Foreign Nationals to Simcoe County District School Board Schools, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. BF-D-4, Revision to Policy No. 4410 – Admission of Foreign Nationals to Simcoe County District School Board Schools, dated March 7, 2012.

REPORT NO. D-4-a
MARCH 28, 2012 – 6

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Jeffs
Superintendent of Business Services

John Dance
Superintendent of Facility Services

Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace
Directory of Education

March 28, 2012

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Program Standing Committee

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE PROGRAM STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012**

The Program Standing Committee met in Public Session at the Education Centre on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

PRESENT:

Committee Members

Donna Armstrong, Peter Beacock, Suzanne Ley, Jodi Lloyd, Michele Locke (Chairperson), Krista Mayne (Vice-Chairperson), Robert North.

REGRETS:

Committee Members

Nicole Black, Debra Edwards, Jeff Monague, Caroline Smith, Christine Williams.

REGRETS:

Student Trustees

Victoria Edwards.

ABSENT:

Student Trustees

Frank Li, Matt Stergiou.

Administration

Kathy Bailey, Stephen Blake, Phyllis Hili, Brian Jeffs, Janis Medysky, Paula Murphy, Anita Simpson, Paul Sloan, Kathryn Wallace.

Staff

Debbie Clarke, Peter Gumbrell, Jane Hofmann, Patrick Miller, Hanne Nielsen.

Recording Secretary Mary Cannell.

Chairperson Locke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Locke asked trustees for any additions or changes to the agenda.

Moved by Robert North
Seconded by Suzanne Ley

That the agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – Nil.

3. **Presentations/Delegations** – Nil.

The Chair received permission to address Report No. PRO-I-1, Safe and Caring Schools Multi-Year Plan Update, at this time.

Items for Information

1. **Safe and Caring Schools Multi-Year Plan Update (PRO-I-1)**

Superintendent of Education Paula Murphy welcomed staff members and students from the student leadership team at Alliston Union Public School. A video clip and presentation on the school's anti-bullying initiative, The Power of One, were shared. The anti-bullying initiative at Alliston Union is based on the book "One" by Kathryn Otoshi and is having a positive impact on student behaviour within the school. Superintendent Murphy and Alliston Union Public School teacher Anne Meyers responded to trustee questions related to expanding the initiative to include other schools.

Superintendent Murphy provided an overview of the Safe and Caring Schools Multi-Year Plan and the specific strategies, resources and professional learning opportunities related to safe schools, character education and student leadership for the 2011-2012 school year. Superintendent Murphy answered trustee queries related to suspension rates, School Climate Survey results and the Roots of Empathy pilot project at Regent Park Public School. Director of Education Kathryn Wallace confirmed that parent engagement is also a related key factor in the development of Safe and Caring Schools across the board.

This report was provided for information.

Items for Committee Decision

1. **Revisions to Policy No. 4106 – Homework Activities to Support Student Learning (PRO-D-1)**

This policy has been revised to reflect current best practices related to teaching and learning. Superintendent of Education Kathy Bailey responded to trustee questions and concerns related to the amount of homework students are assigned, parent expectations concerning homework, and the need for sharing of the homework policy with staff and administration. Superintendent Bailey confirmed that an accompanying APM will be forthcoming towards the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Suzanne Ley

#PRO-2012-03-21-07

That the Program Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve revisions to Policy No. 4106, Homework Activities to Support Student Learning, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. PRO-D-1, Revisions to Policy No. 4106 – Homework Activities to Support Student Learning, dated March 21, 2012.

CARRIED

Items for Information

2. Adult and Continuing Education Multi-Year Plan Update (PRO-I-2)

Superintendent of Education Paul Sloan welcomed Principal of Adult and Continuing Education Hanne Nielsen. Principal Nielsen provided an overview of the Adult and Continuing Education Multi-Year Plan, now in its second year of implementation. The Plan includes strategies for increasing credit accumulation and graduation rates, targeted academic supports to improve student achievement, lifelong learning and programs to create stronger families and communities.

Superintendent Sloan and Principal Nielsen addressed questions from trustees related to the specific needs of adult learners, the International Languages program for Grades 1 to 8, the English Language Learners program, and the possibility of offering the Personal Services Worker program in SCDSB schools. Principal Nielsen further responded to trustee queries around the impact of Bridges Out of Poverty training for staff, and the availability of training for all staff.

Director Wallace drew a correlation between the SCDSB tagline of “Your Future, Our Priority” and the many opportunities available through Adult and Continuing Education initiatives.

This report was provided for information.

3. Building Confidence in Public Education: SCDSB Communications Action Plan (PRO-I-3)

Director Wallace welcomed Manager of Communications Debbie Clarke who provided an overview of the updates to the SCDSB Communications Action Plan. Manager Clarke shared that the overarching goal of the plan is increasing communications within the educational community to promote student achievement and well-being.

Manager Clarke responded to trustee queries and comments related to attracting new students, the Webadmin email account and the challenges of the future facing the Communications Department.

This report was provided for information.

Other Matters

Trustee Lloyd asked for clarification on how learning skills are assessed on report cards and the process for parents who are not in agreement with the Learning Skills assessment assigned by schools on report cards. Superintendent Bailey clarified that exemplars and definitions are provided within the policy document Growing Success and are available to teachers. As well, Professional Learning Communities further enhance the professional judgement of teachers related to assessment. Parents and staff are invited to work collaboratively to arrive at a resolution to any concerns that may arise.

Notices of Motion for Next Meeting

Trustee Jodi Lloyd presented the following two notices of motion on behalf of the student trustees.

(1)

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Suzanne Ley

That the Program Standing Committee recommends that the Board implement the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program for September 2013 in one centrally located Simcoe County District High School.

(2)

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Suzanne Ley

That the Program Standing Committee recommends that the Board implement an Early French Immersion Program beginning September 2013 as per Report No. PRO-D-1 dated January 6, 2010.

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Suzanne Ley

That the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve revisions to Policy No. 4106, Homework Activities to Support Student Learning, as set out in APPENDIX C of Report No. PRO-D-1, Revisions to Policy No. 4106 – Homework Activities to Support Student Learning, dated March 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Bailey
Superintendent of Education

Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace
Director of Education

March 28, 2012

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Director of Education

SUBJECT: **FIRST NATIONS TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE
SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

1. **Background**

On March 7, 2012, the Director received notice from the Council of Beausoleil First Nation that they have resolved to name their Director of Education, Amanda Monague as the Council of Beausoleil First Nation Official Representative, effective March 31, 2012.

As per Regulation 462/97 – First Nations Representation on Boards, where a person is named under subsection (1), the Board shall, subject to subsection (5), appoint the person a member of the Board.

The Board would like to thank Jeff Monague for his contributions during his time as the First Nations Trustee Representative, and wish him well in his future endeavours.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board appoint Amanda Monague as the First Nations Trustee Representative on the Simcoe County District School Board, effective March 31, 2012, as set out in Report No. D-5-a, First Nations Trustee Representative on the Simcoe County District School Board, dated March 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathryn Wallace
Director of Education

March 28, 2012

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Parent Involvement Committee

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2012**

A meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Committee Members: (Voting)
Elizabeth Bettencourt, Laura Black, Marjorie Dowdell
(Vice-chairperson), Michelle Hunter, Jill Hynes, Jennifer Johnson,
Jane McCreadie (Chairperson), Tanya Nabuurs.

Trustee

Representatives: (Non-voting)
Caroline Smith.

Administration & Staff

Representatives: (Non-voting)
Rita England (Recorder), Angela Pino, Jane Seymour, Paul Sloan.

REGRETS: Trustee Nicole Black, Debbie Clarke, Sylvia Fiorito, Kim Gadsby

GUEST: Timmi Brady.

1. **Welcome**

Chairperson Jane McCreadie called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Chairperson McCreadie welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Timmi Brady, guest and prospective PIC member.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Chairperson McCreadie asked the committee for approval of the agenda.

Moved by Elizabeth Bettencourt
Seconded by Jill Hynes

That the agenda be accepted as printed.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the November Meeting Minutes

Chairperson McCreddie asked for approval of the minutes.

Moved by Marjorie Dowdell
Seconded by Laura Black

That the minutes of the November 23, 2011 meeting be accepted with a revision.

CARRIED

4. Update from Working Group on Planning February School Council Members Meeting

Chairperson McCreddie updated the committee on the details of the February 27, 2012 *PIC/School Council Videoconference*, including the change of location from Banting Secondary School to Nantyr Shores Secondary School.

A “save the date” communiqué from the Communications department has been sent to the system, posted on the board website and an email has been sent to all school principals, school council chairs and Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) members advertising the February School Council Members meeting.

Chair McCreddie requested that two PIC members be available at each video conferencing location to lead group discussions.

Stayner C.I.	Tanya Nabuurs, Jane Seymour
Nantyr Shores, Innisfil	Marjorie Dowdell, Paul Sloan
Park St., Orillia	Jane McCreddie, Elizabeth Bettencourt, Mike Howell (presenter)
Innisdale S.S.	Jill Hynes, Laura Black, Timmi Brady, Michelle Hunter
Midland S.S.	Michele Locke, Jane Barnett

Discussion has been ongoing with the IT department who will be setting up and monitoring the conference from the Education Centre in Midhurst. The possibility of pre-recorded presentations was suggested and will be further discussed with the IT staff.

Paul Sloan, Superintendent of Education, spoke about Kathleen Corrigan, the board’s JK Consultant and specialist in kindergarten and early years. Education Consultant Corrigan, through the Ministry of Education coordinates inservice to board staff. Consultant Corrigan will speak to the full day kindergarten (FDK) program, site selection for FDK, program rationale, success and challenges and the future of the FDK program.

A committee member expressed concerns about the class size in kindergarten classes. Superintendent Sloan explained there are caps in place, and that the funding for the program is based on a class average across the board of 26. Some classes will have less than 26 students; others may require a kindergarten/grade 1 split.

Superintendent Sloan explained that school boards across Ontario are required to implement FDK programs in all of their schools by September 2014. Facilities Services is responsible for the retrofitting of certain schools to accommodate the JK/SK children.

Trustee Caroline Smith suggested an invitation be extended to a representative from Cameron Street Public School to speak on the \$90,000 AVIVA Community Fund awarded to Cameron Street. Trustee Smith commented that the award was a direct result of the continuous hard work of the school council and the entire community.

Michael Howell, Vice-principal at Eastview Secondary School in Barrie, will speak on Ontario Scholarships at the February 27th videoconference.

Additional topics discussed included:

- closing comments by Superintendent Sloan;
- at each location the PIC members will facilitate a discussion on: the toolkit, samples, what they would like to see in future videoconference meetings, or at the May meeting;
- after the group discussion, responses to questions will be collected and a commitment will be made to answer these by a newsletter, or on the PIC website page; and
- a communication plan
 - The agenda is to be sent to all school principals, school council chairs, PIC Members, and posted on the website with links embedded beside the agenda Topics
 - Communication media release and a reminder to be sent to the school council Chairs.

MOTION

Moved by Elizabeth Bettencourt
Seconded by Tanya Nabuurs

That the agenda topics and speakers be accepted for the February 27, 2012 videoconference.

CARRIED

5. Update from Working Group on Planning for April 21, 2012 Parent Learning Conference

Chairperson McCreadie reported that work has commenced on the planning of the April 21, 2012 Parent Learning Conference. The working group is using the feedback received from last year's conference and the goal this year is to reach more parents through communicating via the website and at the school level.

Topics of discussion included:

- breakout sessions, attendees will choose 3 out of 4;
- 2 keynote speakers have been considered - Annie Kidder and Dr. Karyn Gordon;
- Childcare - to be provided for 0 - 3 year old at the Education Centre
 - to be provided for 4 – 12 year old at Forest Hill Public School, if required;

- the need to emphasize the drop off location for childcare using signage, volunteers directing parents, or including information on website registration;
- the brief introduction of Trustees and PIC members at the beginning of the conference at 9 a.m.;
- Superintendent Sloan to provide representation from central staff at the conference covering the topics of Literacy and Numeracy;
- Community, Culture and Caring
 - internet safety, how can parents develop leadership, anti bullying techniques, cyber bullying, social media, child help line, privacy issues;
- communication plan
 - website registration and response to parents, flyers, media release;
- Conference Expenses
 - including costs of: refreshments, renting Forest Hill Public School, the cost of 2 keynote speakers, mileage costs;
- encouraging members of the public to set up information booths, i.e. SEEDS, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to do a workshop on healthy students and schools;
- a conference evaluation sheet for participants with a page of helpful websites.

The committee reviewed the presentation information for Dr. Karyn Gordon entitled *Lost in Translation* and a suggestion was made to customize her presentation for the Simcoe County Board.

Superintendent Sloan spoke on Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's initiatives including: Eat Well to Excel, the Health Unit's support of the entire Board, healthy eating and healthy living initiative.

The committee suggested the possibility of a booth at the conference which would include literature and highlight the resources available to parents of children with special needs.

MOTION

Moved by Jane McCreadie
Seconded by Michelle Hunter

That the committee authorize board staff to arrange for conference speakers, meals, and childcare, as required, for the April 21, 2012 Circle of Learning conference. These expenses are not to exceed \$9,000.00.

CARRIED

6. Questions for Future Presentation on SCDSB Website and Social Media Strategy

Superintendent Sloan discussed and requested feedback from the committee on how IT resources could be used to support parents to support SDCSB children. Superintendent Sloan spoke of the plan to create a parent portal and the rebuilding of the public website. A uniform web page will be created for every school which will contain consistent messaging and information content.

PIC members recommended a parent interactive area on the portal where parents would be provided the opportunity to give feedback, sign up for programs, send in permission forms, complete yearly offence declarations, view a student's attendance and review marks and assignments.

Discussion ensued regarding how the board website could be used to engage school councils and parents.

7. School Council Policy – Process and Timeline for Review

Superintendent Sloan explained the process for the review of the School Council policy which is up for renewal this year. It was proposed that the policy be updated in light of what is now known about school councils, 9 years after the policy was last reviewed.

It was recommended that the PIC members draft amendments to the policy to initiate discussion, then send out the amended policy with a multi question survey to various audiences, such as school council chairs and through a media release on the board's website. Once feedback has been reviewed, the PIC and Superintendent Sloan will wordsmith the document and send to Administrative Council for their review.

Superintendent Sloan will review the School Council Policy with the Ministry guidelines to ensure consistency before PIC members proceed with amendments. An email will then be sent to school council chairs to request the addition of the draft School Council Policy to their April School Council agenda for discussion and to obtain feedback. The draft document will then go to the public for a two week consultation, with the goal of having the completed document to the Board by June 2012.

8. School Council Budget \$60,000 – Resource Process

Not discussed

9. Multi Year Planning – Part 1

Not discussed

10. Adjournment

Moved by Marjorie Dowdell
Seconded by Elizabeth Bettencourt

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Education Centre.

11. Report Status

This report is provided for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

Paul Sloan
Superintendent of Education

Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace
Director of Education

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Special Education Advisory Committee

FROM: Chairperson of SEAC
Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

A. **Call to Order**
(1) **Roll Call**

PRESENT

SEAC Members: Donna Armstrong (Trustee), Angie Bridekirk, Joanne Brown,
Susan Clough, Sue Downing, Sarah Elliott, Mary Haire, James Hall,
Laura LaChance, Margaret Homewood, Krista Mayne (Trustee), Sari
Russell.

SEAC Alternates: Sheila Davis.

Staff: Connie Gray, Peter Gumbrell, Phyllis Hili, Shannon Thompson.

Regrets: Kim Latour, Michele Locke (Trustee), Joanne McCafferty.

**Recording
Secretary:** Jennifer Henry.

(2) **Approval of Agenda**

Joanne Brown requested an update on the Developmental Skills Classes at Mapleview Heights Elementary School. Chairperson Bridekirk suggested that the update be added under item A (4) - Board Reports.

Laura LaChance requested more time be allotted under Item A (4) – Board Reports to allow further discussion regarding the SEAC motion that was addressed at the January 18, 2012 Board Meeting.

Chairperson Bridekirk reminded SEAC members that any conflicts of interest regarding agenda items need to be identified.

Moved by Mary Haire
Seconded by Joanne Brown

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(3) **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Minutes of the Regular Committee Meeting January 16, 2012**

Moved by Laura LaChance
Seconded by Joanne Brown

That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee held January 16, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

B. (1) Welcoming

(a) Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Bridekirk welcomed Board staff members, SEAC members, and guests. She welcomed Janis Medysky, Associate Director and Corry Van Nispen, Controller. Chairperson Bridekirk shared SEAC Member regrets from Kim Latour, Michelle Locke (Trustee), and Joanne McCafferty.

(b) SCDSB Special Education Statement of Beliefs

Vice-Chairperson Hall read the Statement of Beliefs.

(2) Presentations & Discussion

(a) Special Education Budget Overview

Corry Van Nispen, Controller for the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) thanked SEAC members for the opportunity to provide information on the budget process. Controller Van Nispen noted that the Board is entering budget season, and is awaiting the release of the Ministry funding model which is expected in late March or early April. It was noted that the Ministry continues to review and refine the special education funding model.

Controller Van Nispen provided a brief historical overview of the Ministry funding for special education, and noted that the Board's special education budget last year was \$66.6 million. Controller Van Nispen provided via PowerPoint Projection a preliminary overview of the 2012-2013 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) and Special Education Funding. The presentation addressed the components of Special Education Funding: Special Education Per Pupil Amount (SEPPA), Special Equipment Amount (SEA), High Needs Amount (HNA), Special Incidence Portion (SIP), Behaviour Expertise Amount (BEA) and students in self-contained classes. Information was also provided on the facility amount that relates to Section 23 Classes. Controller Van Nispen spoke to how the Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) affects the various components of the special education funding. He noted that the SCDSB is experiencing declining enrolment which will have an impact on the special education funding for next year. It is estimated that enrolment will be down by 1 percent next year which would calculate into a loss of approximately 0.4 percent of last year's \$ 66.6 million special education budget. Controller Van Nispen noted that special education funding is enveloped and that any funds that are unspent this year will be rolled over to next year's special education budget. It was also noted that the HNA amount is currently being adjusted, and that there is a top up to compensate for declining enrolment.

Controller Van Nispen addressed SEAC members' questions regarding the baseline funding that all students receive and special education enhancements. Trustee Armstrong spoke to special education funding and the complex calculations that are made, and inquired about the overall pupil numbers compared to special education numbers. Peter Gumbrell, Principal of Special Education noted that an update on the special education data would be provided later in the meeting which would further address the inquiry.

Phyllis Hili, Superintendent of Education thanked Controller Van Nispen for his presentation and spoke to the importance of bringing further updates to SEAC over the course of the budget season as information is received. SEAC members' thanked Board staff for the opportunity to be involved in the budget process.

(3) SEAC Member Reports

Sheila Davis reported that the Orillia Common Roof will be holding its Official Grand Opening on Thursday February 16th.

Margaret Homewood reported on two webinars that will be held through Alberta's Lethbridge University on February 22 and March 28, 2012.

(4) Board Reports

(a) Regular Board Meeting January 18, 2012

Trustee Mayne provided a brief overview of the regular Board meeting held on January 18, 2012. She reported on the Student Senate initiatives and the work with administration on developing a strategy to reduce bottled water usage in SCDSB buildings and to encourage the use of refillable containers. Trustee Mayne reported on administrator appointments and transfers, and revisions to policies that were ratified. She also noted that the motion put forth by SEAC was brought forward, and that the Human Resources and Program Standing Committee meeting dates have been changed to March 21st to compensate for the March Break.

(b) Status of Recommendations to the Board

It was reported that the motion put forth by SEAC at the December 12, 2011 SEAC meeting regarding the advisory process was addressed at the Board meeting held on January 18, 2012, and that trustees withdrew the motion.

It was noted that a link was emailed to SEAC members so that they could view the video of the January 18th Board meeting to hear the discussion that took place regarding the motion. SEAC members expressed their disappointment with the status of the motion and with some comments made during the discussion, and noted that perhaps there was a misunderstanding of the intention of the motion and of the SEAC's role. Trustee Armstrong spoke further to the discussion that took place, and noted that there was some confusion around the wording and intent of the motion. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the status of the motion. SEAC members noted that Superintendent Hili and staff have done a commendable job in bringing information forward; however, concern was expressed when there are changes to service, or program that are not brought forward to SEAC for collaboration, and SEAC members are made aware of changes through the public or parent inquiries.

The role of SEAC was discussed, and it was noted that SEAC does not recommend, but is mandated to have input and advise on the operationalizing of the strategical pieces. There was an inquiry regarding whose responsibility it is to provide a refresher at the Board level on the role of SEAC. It was noted that it is a responsibility of board administration, and it was suggested that a refresher be added to a Program Standing Committee meeting agenda in the spring.

Superintendent Hili thanked SEAC members for their comments and spoke in terms of the operationalizing of the special education goals. She noted that the Board's Multi-Year Plan, *The Simcoe Path*, the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being (BIPSA-W), along with the Special Education Report and the Special Education Multi-Year Plan are brought forth to SEAC for input. Special Education goals are operationalized through the Special Education Multi-Year Plan. Those goals are then translated to staff in the form of program, service delivery and professional development, and are shared with SEAC as information updates. Superintendent Hili spoke to staff commitment to ensure continuous communication with SEAC and noted that the SEAC voice is heard at the senior table, as information is brought forth to administrative council on a regular basis. Superintendent Hili encouraged SEAC members to ask her if they would like more information on a certain topic.

Discussion ensued regarding changes to service delivery such as when a decision is made to move a county class. It was noted that in past years when a county class was moved, it came to SEAC as an information item with messaging that SEAC members would likely receive phone calls from parents. SEAC members expressed concern that information was not brought to SEAC regarding the possible relocation of the county classes at Maplevue Heights Elementary School, and inquired when in the process are those pieces addressed. SEAC members spoke to the importance of receiving the information, both as an advisory committee and to assist parents. Superintendent Hili noted that it is during the budget process that such changes are addressed. She also noted that during the budget process last spring, information was shared with SEAC regarding recommended changes to current county classes.

SEAC members sought clarity regarding information that is brought forward to SEAC as an information item and information that is brought forward for input. Knowing this information ahead of time when the agenda is issued would be of assistance. Chairperson Bridekirk noted that a lack of information results in confusion and spoke to the need to continuously strengthen partnerships.

There was a question regarding committee governance and the process for moving motions at other committees. Trustee Armstrong addressed how motions are brought forward and dealt with. She clarified that the SEAC motion was withdrawn but not defeated; therefore SEAC has the option of re-writing the motion.

(c) Maplevue Heights County Classes

Trustee Armstrong reported that the Attendance Area Review (AAR): Maplevue Heights Elementary School, Warnica Public School and Willow Landing Elementary School report was brought forth at the February 1, 2012 Business and Facilities Standing Committee meeting. She noted that discussion ensued at the meeting regarding boundary changes, and the possibility of relocating the Developmental Skills classes at Maplevue Heights Elementary School.

At that time feedback was still being gathered.

Superintendent Hili stated that the report brought forth at the February 1, 2012 Business and Facilities meeting spoke to the transition of one Developmental Skills class, taking into account factors such as the number of grade eights students moving onto the secondary panel in September 2012, and the location of students in their communities. Three options were brought forth in the report and a motion carried for "Option 2" to go forward at the February 23, 2012 Board meeting. Chairperson Bridekirk requested Trustees to report back on the status of the motion following the Board meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the decision to transition to one Developmental Skills Class and how the process would move forward for September. Concern was expressed that the transition would still impact the delivery to program for the students affected. Chairperson Bridekirk indicated that supporting in the transition planning process for those students is something that SEAC could advise on, and requested that it be noted in the minutes that SEAC members have expressed an interest to begin planning for the transition in September.

(5) Staff Member Reports/Updates

(a) Professional Development Update

Principal Gumbrell reviewed the various special education professional development opportunities being offered in February and March. He noted that Behaviour Management Systems (BMS) certification is continuing as well as Site Based Applied Behavior Analysis Training. He spoke to professional collaboration site visits which are reflective of the BIPSA-W and Special Education Multi-Year plan and look at ways in which staff can support regular classroom teachers working with students on an Individual Education Plan (IEP). He noted that special education staff is working closely with Program staff looking at the essential practices K-12 working document. Principal Gumbrell also provided a brief overview of the various IEP training that is taking place regarding the student with a Learning Disability (LD), the student identified as Gifted, the student with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and the student with a Mild Intellectual Disability (MID).

Principal Gumbrell addressed SEAC members' questions and comments. He provided more detail on the IEP training noting that targets in the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement from last year as well as EQAO results, dot scores and information collected in IEP reviews have informed the professional development. It was noted that through the 2011-2012 BIPSA-W staff would like to gain more of an understanding of the profiles for students with a MID, and that workshops are also focusing on strategies within the regular classroom.

Concern was expressed with Educational Assistants (EA's) being permitted to choose which professional development sessions they attended during the last Professional Development Day, as some sessions may be more interest based as opposed to being geared toward the student population that the EA is currently working with. Principal Gumbrell and Superintendent Hili addressed the comment and noted that the last Professional Development Day was the first time for the mandatory training.

Special Education staff and Human Resources staff are working closely to develop a longer term plan which includes looking at some base line professional development. Connie Gray, Integrated Technology Consultant - Special Education reported that a recent survey was conducted with EA's which asked, based on the students they serve, what professional development they would like to see and what level of understanding are they at, to assist with the students they support.

(b) SEA Update

Principal Gumbrell referred SEAC members to the draft Student SEA Equipment Use survey provided in their folders. He referred to the SEA survey that was conducted with teachers last year and the suggestion from SEAC to follow up with a survey to hear the student voice. Connie Gray has worked with the research department to develop the draft survey which mirrors the one administered to teachers last year, in an effort to determine if the student responses correlate with the responses received from teachers last year. SEAC members were asked to review the survey and provide comments and feedback. SEAC members commented on the technical flavor of questions 6 and 7, noting the questions may not generate the answers that are being sought. It was suggested that the questions may need to be amended to determine what it is the students don't know and to gain more detail. Concern was also expressed for the students who may not be able to answer the questions the way they are written. Principal Gumbrell noted that the survey is aimed at the students who are using the software titles listed on the survey. Connie Gray also noted that the survey will be issued in Kurzweil form as well as Survey Monkey in an effort to make the survey more accessible.

It was asked if the survey would be sent home for parents to provide feedback, as there is concern that students may require assistance completing the survey or they may complete it indicating that all is fine. Principal Gumbrell indicated that the survey is not designed to go to families. It has been designed for secondary students who have had the equipment for some time. He also noted that special education staff will be available for students as a resource when they are completing the survey. There was a request for information to go home to parents informing them of the survey and its purpose.

Principal Gumbrell provided an update on the feedback received from secondary teachers on the level 1 and 2 SEA professional development. Feedback received, indicates that staff members are feeling that the training is not only providing them with knowledge of the software, but feeling comfortable with integrating the software into instruction as well as reflecting changes in the IEP.

In moving forward with the professional development, Principal Gumbrell noted that work is being done to identify the schools where teachers have not yet received the training. There was an inquiry if it is only an initial half day of SEA training that students are receiving and if there is opportunity for students to receive additional training.

Connie Gray indicated that there are still some training sessions available through VocaLinks for students or groups of students. She also spoke to the expertise of the special education staff in the schools.

Connie reported that arrangements are being made for another Assistive Technology Camp with VocaLinks using unspent funds from previous years. She also noted that discussion is continuing with the Learning Disabilities Association of Simcoe County (LDASC) and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board regarding assistive technology for 2012-2013. Connie also noted that an updated version of the SCDSB Assistive Technology and Special Equipment Amount (SEA) handbook is available, and has been provided to new SEAC members who did not receive a copy last year. An electronic copy of the book will be emailed to the SEAC distribution.

Connie also noted that the Board is exploring additional software in terms of cost effectiveness and ease of use, and is researching what Georgian College and other boards are using. The network version of Classroom Suite is also being explored, in an effort to provide more accessibility to teachers. She noted that the Board has been experiencing some glitches with Version 11 of Dragon. The SEA laptops are generally updated with the most current version; however, Version 10 is being loaded onto some SEA laptops until the glitches are worked out with Version 11. Connie also provided a brief update on the iPod pilot project and noted that information is still being gathered.

(c) Information Update

Principal Gumbrell referred SEAC members to the Special Education data provided in their folders. He noted that the data was just received last Friday, and offered to bring it back for further discussion. He provided a brief overview of the information provided noting that the data is for Identified and Non-identified Students, By Exceptionality and By Service Delivery from 2007-2012. Principal Gumbrell reported that the data is generated from the October 31st ONSIS submission and provided background information on the collection of the data. He noted that there has been a slight decline in the number of IEPs at the secondary level and a slight increase in the total number of IEPs at the elementary level. He also spoke to the increase in service at the elementary level, which is believed to be a result of accommodation for EQAO.

Chairperson Bridekirk requested that the Data be brought back to the March SEAC meeting for further review and discussion. It was noted that some of the data was cut off in the printing of the data sheets that were provided in SEAC members' folders, so new copies will be provided. James Hall requested a breakdown by age of the gifted numbers. There was also an inquiry regarding the increase in autism.

SEAC members were referred to the Planning Transitions for Students with Special Education Needs An event for Parents and Educators brochure provided in their folders. It was noted that the event is being held on Monday April 2, 2012 from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre. Copies of the brochure are being sent home with report cards for students with IEPs. SEAC members were asked to share the details of the event with their agencies/associations. There was a comment from a SEAC member that there is nothing in the brochure that communicates with parents when they should be looking at IEPs, and a request that some messaging to be forwarded regarding transitioning earlier.

Superintendent Hili provided information on the Circle of Learning Conference that is coordinated through the SCDSB Parent Involvement Committee and is being held on Saturday April 21, 2012 at the SCDSB Education Centre.

Superintendent Sloan who works with the Parent Involvement Committee asked Superintendent Hili to share the event details and invite SEAC to have a booth at the event.

(6) Committee Reports/Updates

Laura LaChance, Chairperson for the Resources Aligned with Priorities (RAP), SEAC subcommittee, reported that RAP met ahead of SEAC and that the topic of focus was on transitions to adult pathways. Hailey McLean, Central Special Education Consultant attended the meeting and presented a Resource Guide/Framework that staff is developing and will be accessible to both staff and families. Laura noted that there was an excellent round table discussion around work that the Board is conducting pending the arrival of the Ministry Policy Program Memorandum (PPM). She noted that SEAC members will be receiving an electronic copy of the framework and suggested some time be allotted on the March SEAC agenda to allow for a working session/dialogue on the framework.

Laura reported that in follow up to the December working group session and topic of staff retention, that feedback was shared at the RAP meeting, and that Superintendent Hili will be sharing the feedback with Associate Director Medysky.

C. INFORMATION

(1) Correspondence - Nil

(2) Questions and Proposals from SEAC Members (including notices of motion) –

Laura LaChance inquired on next steps for the SEAC motion regarding advisory process that was withdrawn. Discussion ensued regarding the various links and distribution lists that SEAC members can request to be put on in order to receive Ministry updates and information. Chairperson Bridekirk requested that the status of the motion be placed on the RAP agenda for further discussion to determine if the motion is still necessary or requires a re-write.

(3) SEAC Contact Information 2011-2012

Please advise Jennifer Henry of any changes or updates to contact information.

D. FUTURE BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Margaret Homewood
Seconded by James Hall

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Report Status

This report is provided for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

Phyllis Hili
Superintendent of Education

Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace
Director of Education

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the
Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Human Resources Standing Committee

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES STANDING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012**

The Human Resources Standing Committee met in Public Session on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at the Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Committee Members

Donna Armstrong (Chairperson), Peter Beacock, Suzanne Ley,
Jodi Lloyd, Michele Locke, Krista Mayne, Robert North.

Administration

Kathy Bailey, Steve Blake, Phyllis Hili, Brian Jeffs, Janis Medysky,
Paula Murphy, Anita Simpson, Kathryn Wallace.

REGRETS:

Committee Members

Nicole Black, Debra Edwards, Jeff Monague, Caroline Smith,
Christine Williams.

Student Trustees

Victoria Edwards.

ABSENT:

Student Trustees

Frank Li, Matt Stergiou.

Recording Secretary

Kary Hancock.

Chairperson Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Peter Beacock
Seconded by Robert North

That the agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

The consensus of the table was to proceed with the meeting without a Vice-Chairperson due to the number of trustees in attendance.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – Nil

Presentations/Delegations - Nil

MOTION

Moved by Jodi Lloyd
Seconded by Krista Mayne

That the Human Resources Standing Committee move into closed session.

CARRIED

The Human Resources Standing Committee reconvened in public session at 6:40 p.m.

Items for Committee Decision - Nil

Items for Information - Nil

Correspondence - Nil

Other Matters – Nil

Notices of Motion for next meeting - Nil

MOTION

Moved by Krista Mayne
Seconded by Peter Beacock

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CARRIED

1. **Report Status**

This report was provided for information

Respectfully submitted by:

Janis Medysky
Associate Director

Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace
Director of Education

Robyn, Lena

To: Robyn, Lena

Subject: FW: board March 28th

From: Angie Bridekirk

Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 2:10 PM

To: Robyn, Lena

Cc: laura LACHANCE; James Hall

Subject: board March 28th

Hi Lena,

I/we wish to speak to SEAC's motion and SEAC's position, and invite trustees to direct their questions to SEAC members present at the board meeting.

SEAC motion:

SEAC recommends that the Board ceases use of all Blocker Shields with students as they negatively impact on the dignity and human rights of the students and create a negative social message which promotes fear and exclusion."

SEAC concerns re: use of blocker shields:

- No Parental knowledge/involvement/consent
- No SEAC knowledge/involvement/advice
- Not in safety plan
- Not "prescribed" by medical practitioner
- No guidelines/rules/policies governing acquisition/use
- No justification
- Does not align with legislated social inclusion for persons with disabilities Ontario regulation 299/10 (including: Promotion of social inclusion, individual choice, independence and rights of persons with developmental disabilities who are receiving services and supports based on respect for, and the dignity of, the individual)
- Does not align with legislated laws governing confidentiality (*Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004 (PHIPA)* – a provincial law governing the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information)
- No, No, No blocker shields, as they send a very negative discriminatory public message against students living with disabilities.

Angie Bridekirk