

**GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REPORT OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2019** at the Administration Office.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Cathy Cooke, Trustee
Aimee Omstead, Trustee
Martha Vukov , Community Living Windsor-Essex County
Bette Turner, Home and School Associations
Mary-Ann Fuduric, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County
Monica Gilles, Windsor Essex County Down Syndrome Association
Karen Wilson, Parents for Children's Mental Health
Amanda Ing, Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario

BOARD PERSONNEL:

Mike Wilcox, Superintendent of Special Education Services
Chris Mills, Supervising Principal of Special Education Services
Tracey Rilett, OPC Elementary Representative
Kristie Sweet, OPC Secondary Representative

RECORDER:

Peggy Russette

1. Call to Order
M. Fuduric called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda
Moved by: K. Wilson
Seconded by: A. Omstead
That SEAC approve the agenda for April 9, 2019.

The motion was carried.
3. Approval of Minutes
Moved by: C. Cooke
Seconded by: A. Omstead
That SEAC approve the minutes for March 19, 2019.

The motion was carried.
4. Business Arising as a Result of the Minutes
M. Wilcox handed out a draft letter to send to Lisa Thompson, regarding the decision to take back SIP funds. M. Wilcox gave a summary of the SIP funds that we have received in the past and what these funds were used for. K. Wilson requested stronger wording in the letter because students behaviours are becoming more severe and they may be excluded due to insufficient staffing. M. Fuduric added that we may want to be specific with the types of cases we are dealing with. B. Turner said that we have add funds from SEAC for special education for several years because we do not get enough funding from the government. M. Fuduric replied that this is already in the letter but can be elaborated on. This letter will be tabled for the SEAC meeting in May 2019.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Amanda Ing – March was Epilepsy Awareness Month. There was an event at the Rose Bowl on March 31. The regular support meeting will be held on April 16th at the United Way at 6:30 pm.

K. Wilson – PCMH retreat on March 29 and 30, included three new leaders from the Essex Chapter. May 6-10 is Childrens Mental Health week. Next meeting is on May 2 from 1-2:30 at Glengarda.

M. Vukov – Many things going on with Community Living Windsor-Essex, please check website for information.

M. Fuduric – LDA is offering two scholarships for students with LD who are going to St. Clair College or University of Windsor. The appli