

**THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**September 10, 2024, 12:22 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.  
London Room**

**Representatives**

C. Pecican, Autism Ontario London  
J. Wright, Community Services Coordination Network  
A. Morse, Easter Seals Ontario (Chair)  
C. Read, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Network  
D. Shore-Reid, Learning Disabilities Association of London  
S. Young, London Autism & Disabilities Group  
R. Askew, London Down Syndrome Association  
C. Fortnum, LHSC, Children’s Hospital  
S. Moore, TVDSB Trustee

**Alternates**

D. Cryderman, LHSC, Children’s Hospital

**Regrets**

B. Mai, TVDSB Trustee  
L. Pizzolato, TVDSB Trustee  
T. Leckie, Association for Bright Children  
V. Hlady-MacDonald, VOICE for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

**Absent**

M. Cvetkovich, CAS of London & Middlesex  
P. Cook, Inclusion Action Ontario  
M. Serwatak, Vanier Children’s Services

**Administration and Others**

J. Bruce, Superintendent  
M. Chevalier, System Principal  
C. Nichols, System Principal  
R. Shave, Principal  
N. Howe, Vice-Principal  
K. Lambert, Manager  
N. McLister, Supervisor, Psychological Services  
J. Gould, Supervisor, Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology  
J. Hurlbut, Special Education Learning Coordinator  
J. Meyer, Board Services  
S. Gingras, Communications

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Morse called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda**

On motion, the agenda was approved as printed.

**3. Conflicts of Interest**

None declared.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the 2024 May 27 were approved as amended and the minutes from the 2024 June 4 meeting were approved as printed.

**5. Unfinished Business**

None.

**6. Announcements**

Superintendent Bruce provided an update noting highlights from the System Leaders Day. It was noted the Thames Valley District School District (TVDSB) has a new Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP).

Staffing updates were announced.

**7. SEAC Workplan for 2024-2025**

Chair Morse referred to the draft 2024-2025 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) workplan provided in the agenda package and highlighted upcoming presentations.

**8. Special Education Plan Report**

Superintendent Bruce provided an update, noting the 2024-2025 Special Education Plan was approved at the 2024 June 25 Regular Board meeting. The Ministry of Education has confirmed receipt of the plan. It was noted the plan is available on the TVDSB website. Members who would like a printed copy of the plan can contact Superintendent Bruce.

**9. SEAC Member Key Issues**

Chair Morse reviewed committee member responses from the Key Issues Survey, noting some issues were beyond the scope of the SEAC.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding Modified Day requirements and the Accelerate Program.

**10. Call to Members - SEAC Sub-Committee**

Chair Morse noted a sub-committee will be formed to review the 2025-2026 Special Education Plan. System Principal Chevalier provided details on the role of the sub-committee. Committee members interested in participating in the sub-committee were asked to contact Chair Morse or System Principal Chevalier.

## **11. Professional Student Services Report on Assessments**

Superintendent Bruce introduced Manager Lambert, Supervisor McLister, Supervisor Gould, and Special Education Learning Coordinator Hurlbut who presented an overview of Professional Student Services assessments. The Tiered Approach to Intervention and Prevention Framework was highlighted along with detailed information regarding wait times.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding literacy training for teachers and Acadience screening. Administration committed to providing the presentation slides and will forward any additional questions to Manager Lambert's team.

Chair Morse extended appreciation to the presenters.

## **12. Summer Programs**

Administration provided an update on summer programming highlighting Assistive Technology camps, literacy and numeracy programs, Indigenous learning camps, and various summer mental health and well-being initiatives.

It was noted the Program Development Team (PDT) parent guide is being reviewed and will be brought to a future SEAC meeting for feedback. Committee members were reminded video resources for parents on the Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) process, the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) and the PDT are available on the TVDSB website.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding the Assistive Technology camps, summer transitions program, and funding for summer programming.

## **13. 2024-2025 Special Education Budget Report**

Superintendent Bruce provided an update on the 2024-2025 Special Education budget noting the budget was approved without changes at the 2024 June 25 Regular Board meeting. It was noted that Chair Morse provided a delegation at the SEAC's request at the 2024 June 11 Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee meeting related to the SEAC budget.

A question of clarification was addressed by Administration regarding Psychological Services vacancies.

## **14. Community Engagement Evening - October 9th**

Superintendent Bruce noted the Special Education department will be hosting a community engagement session on 2024 October 9. The invitation will be

shared with SEAC members who were asked to promote the event with their communities.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding logistics of the event.

**15. Correspondence (Standing Item)**

Chair Morse indicated a letter has been sent to the Ministry supporting the filling of vacancies within the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MASCE). A copy of the letter will be provided at a future SEAC meeting.

**16. Review of October Agenda Items**

Chair Morse reviewed the agenda items for the 2024 October 7 meeting as outlined on the SEAC Workplan included in the agenda package, noting work is ongoing to develop a process for tracking action items. Committee members were reminded that meeting materials are accessible through the SEAC Teams Channel or available on the TVDSB website. Committee members were asked to contact Chair Morse if an accommodation is required.

**17. Announcements/Member Updates (Standing Item)**

Committee members highlighted the events and activities planned by their various organizations in the coming weeks.

**18. Next Meeting Dates**

The next meeting will be held 2024 October 7.

**19. Adjournment**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Recommendations: **None**

**A. Morse**  
Committee Chair