

## THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 5, 2024, 12:18 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

London Room

### Representatives

J. Wright, Community Services Coordination Network  
C. Read, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Network  
P. Cook, Inclusion Action Ontario  
D. Shore-Reid, Learning Disabilities Association of London  
S. Young, London Autism & Disabilities Group (+12:29)  
R. Askew, London Down Syndrome Association  
C. Fortnum, LHSC, Children's Hospital  
B. Mai, TVDSB Trustee  
S. Moore, TVDSB Trustee  
L. Pizzolato, TVDSB Trustee

### Alternates

C. Nicolle, Autism Ontario London (-2:05)  
R. Ramjeawan, Community Services Coordination Network  
T. Grant, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Network (+1:15)  
D. Cryderman, LHSC, Children's Hospital  
K. Robinson, Vanier Children's Services (+12:27)(-2:30)  
V. Hlady-MacDonald, VOICE for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

### Additional Member

K. Vandersluis

### Regrets

T. Leckie, Association for Bright Children  
A. Morse, Easter Seals Ontario (Chair)

### Administration and Others

J. Bruce, Superintendent  
M. Chevalier, System Principal  
C. Nichols, System Principal  
N. Howe, Vice-Principal  
M. Miskiewicz, Principal  
H. Powell, Principal (-2:10)  
K. Lambert, Manager  
S. Gingras, Communications  
J. Meyer, Board Services  
C. Stager, Manager Research & Assessment (+2:11)(-2:44)  
S. Vriesinga, Research & Assessment Associate (+2:11)(-2:44)  
K. Banman, Human Rights Policy Advisor (-1:05)  
S. Hickson, Coordinator (+12:20)(-12:40)  
L. Quenneville, Executive Assistant

### 1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Pizzolato called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

Vice Chair Pizzolato introduced new members.

### 2. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved on motion, as amended with the addition of Announcements as agenda item #4, the removal of agenda item #10

Exceptionality Data and agenda item #12 Presentation: EQAO Results which were added to the 2024 November 5 In-Camera Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting.

**3. Conflicts of Interest**

None declared.

**4. Announcements**

Vice Chair Pizzolato reported the passing of Bob Harvey, a long-time former SEAC member representing Epilepsy London.

A moment of silence was observed.

**5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Without objection, the minutes of the 2024 October 7 meeting were approved as printed.

**5. Unfinished Business**

None.

**6. TEAMS Demo**

Superintendent Bruce introduced Coordinator Hickson who provided an in-depth demonstration of specific features of the Teams channel, addressing committee member questions.

Members were encouraged to contact Board Services directly for support navigating the channel or locating resources.

Vice Chair Pizzolato extended appreciation to the presenter.

**7. Presentation: 2024 Annual Accessibility Presentation**

Superintendent Bruce introduced Human Rights Policy Advisor Banman, who presented an update on the built environment as it relates to the Thames Valley District School Board's (TVDSB) multi-year accessibility plan. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) compliance accomplishments and special needs alterations to school facilities were highlighted.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding seasonal accessibility issues on school properties, acoustic modifications, and the prioritization of accessibility projects.

Administration committed to sharing the presentation slides with committee members.

The meeting stood at ease.

## **8. Human Rights Policy & Procedure**

Human Rights Policy Advisor Banman presented the new TVDSB Human Rights Policy and Procedure for feedback. It was noted feedback can be submitted within the next 30 days to the Human Rights Department via email at: [hrao@tvdsb.ca](mailto:hrao@tvdsb.ca)

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding the “poisoned” environment as it relates to the Human Rights Policy.

Vice Chair Pizzolato extended appreciation to the presenter.

## **9. Modified Day Data**

Superintendent Bruce provided information on elementary students on a modified day. System Principal Chevalier reviewed the process for placing students on modified day.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding the purpose of modified day, timelines for classroom re-integration, and voluntary withdrawal versus modified day.

Administration committed to arranging for a Safe Schools presentation at a future meeting.

## **10. Exceptionality Data**

This item was discussed during the in-camera portion of the meeting.

## **11. Actual Enrolment Numbers Including Students Identified with Special Education Data**

Superintendent Bruce provided an update on enrolment numbers including students identified as receiving special education.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding capturing students with multiple exceptionalities in the data, enrolment trends, and the availability of a breakdown by exceptionality.

The following motion was moved and **ADOPTED**:

THAT a report be made available to SEAC that includes a 5-year trend of total enrolment numbers as well as the number of students by grade identified with an exceptionality which would also include a breakdown of all exceptionalities attributed to students with multiple exceptionalities.

Amendment

**TO add** "with multiple exceptionalities" to the end of the recommendation

Amendment

**TO insert** "by grade" before the words "identified with an exceptionality"

A question of clarification was addressed by Administration regarding whether data would be duplicated for students with multiple exceptionalities.

**12. Presentation: EQAO Results**

This item was discussed during the in-camera portion of the meeting.

**13. SEAC Key Issues Microsoft Form**

System Principal Nichols indicated feedback from the small group sessions conducted at the October 7 meeting has been summarized by theme. Members were asked to review the themed results and select the top 2 priorities for the SEAC to focus on for 2024-2025. The results were presented, and next steps will be brought to a future meeting.

**14. Correspondence (Standing Item)**

None.

**15. Review of December Agenda Items**

Vice Chair Pizzolato reviewed the agenda items for the 2024 December 2 meeting as outlined on the SEAC workplan.

Vice Chair Pizzolato announced Board Services will be hosting 2 orientation sessions in December.

It was noted the Committee Orientation session and the December 2 SEAC meeting run consecutively. Feedback was received from committee members on whether to keep the December 2 meeting or re-schedule to December 3. By consensus the committee agreed to keep the December 2 meeting as scheduled.

A question of clarification was addressed by Superintendent Bruce regarding the special education program review.

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

Roundtable updates from committee members highlighting events and activities planned by their various organizations was provided.

**17. Next Meeting Dates**

The next meeting will be held 2024 December 2.

The meeting stood at ease for 5 minutes.

On motion, the meeting moved in-camera at 2:10 p.m., re-convening in public session at 2:44 p.m.

**18. Adjournment**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Recommendations: **None.**

**L. Pizzolato**  
Committee Vice Chair

Recording Secretary: JM