

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

MANDATE

In the Thames Valley District School Board, the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) plays a vital role in ensuring that exceptional pupils receive appropriate educational services and programs by carrying out its mandate to:

1. make recommendations to the Board in respect of any matter affecting the establishment, development and delivery of special education programs and services for exceptional pupils of the Board;
2. participate in the Board's annual review of its special education plan; and,
3. participate in the Board's annual budget process under section 231 of the Education Act, as that process relates to special education.

Meeting Type:	Public Board Meeting
Presented for:	Information
Date and Time of meeting	The committee met on 2024 November 05 from 12:18 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Content:	<p>The committee completed the following actions to work towards fulfilling its mandate:</p> <p>Announcements</p> <p>Vice Chair Pizzolato reported the passing of Bob Harvey, a long-time former SEAC member representing Epilepsy London.</p> <p>A moment of silence was observed.</p> <p>TEAMS Demo</p> <p>Superintendent Bruce introduced Coordinator Hickson who provided an in-depth demonstration of specific features of the Teams channel, addressing committee member questions.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to contact Board Services directly for support navigating the channel or locating resources.</p> <p>Presentation: 2024 Annual Accessibility Presentation</p> <p>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)</p>

multi-year accessibility plan. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) compliance accomplishments and special needs alterations to school facilities were highlighted.

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

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.

Exceptionality Data

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

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.

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"

	<p>Presentation: EQAO Results</p> <p>This item was discussed during the in-camera portion of the meeting.</p> <p>SEAC Key Issues Microsoft Form</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Correspondence (Standing Item)</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Review of December Agenda Items</p> <p>Vice Chair Pizzolato reviewed the agenda items for the 2024 December 2 meeting as outlined on the SEAC workplan.</p> <p>Vice Chair Pizzolato announced Board Services will be hosting 2 orientation sessions in December.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Announcements/Member Updates (Standing Item)</p> <p>Roundtable updates from committee members highlighting events and activities planned by their various organizations was provided.</p> <p>Next Meeting Dates</p> <p>The next meeting will be held 2024 December 2.</p> <p>On motion, the meeting moved in-camera at 2:10 p.m., re-convening in public session at 2:44 p.m.</p>
<p>Recommendations: (only required when</p>	<p>MOTIONS (if applicable) None.</p>

<i>presenting for Board/COW approval)</i>	
Financial Implications:	N/A
Timeline:	N/A
Communications:	N/A
Appendices:	N/A