

Standard 17: The Board's Special Education Advisory Committee

The purpose of the standard is to provide details of the operation of the board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) to the Ministry and to give the members of the public information to which they are entitled.

SEAC was established in compliance with [Regulation 464/97](#).

SEAC Roles and Responsibilities

The Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) has the following roles and responsibilities:

- To make recommendations to the Board of Trustees in any matter affecting the establishment, development and delivery of special education programs and services for exceptional pupils of the board. SEAC activities which support this role include:
 - Receiving and responding to reports about Special Education programs and services;
 - Collaborative development of Special Education Resources for parents/guardians and staff related to the Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC), the Individual Education Plan (IEP), effective communication practices and parent(s)/guardian(s) engagement;
 - Discussing program recommendations that are presented by staff and/or sub-committees;
 - Bringing forward issues for discussion by administration and/or the Board of Trustees;
 - Sharing information about association activities and issues.
- To participate in the annual review of the Special Education Plan. SEAC activities which support this role include:
 - Reviewing changes to the Standards at SEAC meetings during the 2025-2026 school year;
 - Creating and participating in sub-committees involved in reviewing sections or parts of the Special Education Plan;
 - Reviewing changes to the Plan and providing feedback to the staff and Board of Trustees.
- To participate in the annual budget process for Special Education. SEAC activities which support this role include:
 - Receiving one or more presentations from administration about the budget process and key issues;
 - Reviewing the financial statements of the board as they relate to Special Education;
 - Having the opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions and provide feedback throughout the budget process;



- Having the opportunity to make presentations to the Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee and/or Board meetings, as applicable, about proposed expenditures or funding allocations.
- Making recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding the Special Education budget.
- To communicate with parents/guardians and members of the public about Special Education programs and services and the activities of SEAC.
SEAC activities which support this role include:
 - Holding additional meetings which members of the public can attend;
 - Developing and distributing information about Special Education and SEAC;
 - Distributing information and consulting with members of the associations represented by SEAC members;
 - Providing input into the board website and publications which provide information about Special Education;
 - Collaborate with the board to increase public awareness of the Special Education Plan and SEAC.
 - Increase awareness of Ministry of Education Special Education resources, including the Ministry of Education and SEAC websites.
- To respond to Board and Ministry consultations.
SEAC activities which support this role include:
 - Participating in board policy reviews that impact students with special education needs, and any other matter that the board requests input from SEAC (for example, Accessibility Plan, Diversity and Equity Plan, etc.)
 - Responding to Ministry of Education consultations on Special Education policy and procedures;
 - Responding to government consultations on programs and policies which may impact on students who require Special Education programs and services;
 - Consulting and collaborating with other Ministries, community partners and agencies regarding the development or changes in services and programs which may affect students who require Special Education.

Role of TVDSB

- To provide personnel and facilities necessary for the proper functioning of this committee.
- The work of SEAC is supported by the following Administrative Resource Staff to the Committee:
 - Jeff Bruce, Superintendent of Student Achievement
 - Matthew Chevalier, System Principal
 - Cheryl Nichols, System Principal

- Marek Miszkiewicz, Elementary Principal
- Holly Powell, Elementary Principal
- Renee Shave, Secondary Principal
- Nancy Howe, Secondary Principal

SEAC Meetings

SEAC meetings occur on either the first or second Tuesday from 12:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., or the first or second Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each month (with the exception of December and May). Meetings are held at the TVDSB Education Centre at 1250 Dundas Street East, London, Ontario unless otherwise scheduled. The proposed schedule for 2025-2026 is as follows.

2025-2026 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 12:15 p.m.

Monday, October 7, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 12:15 p.m.

Monday, March 3, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 7, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 12:15 p.m.

Monday, May 26, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 2, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SEAC Membership

SEAC consists of three trustees, representatives of local associations and additional members committed to furthering the interests of students with special education needs.

Special Education Advisory Committee Membership 2022-2026

ASSOCIATION	REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES		
TVDSB – Trustee	Beth Mai b.mai@tvdsb.ca	NA
TVDSB – Trustee	Lori-Ann Pizzolato l.pizzolato@tvdsb.ca chair@tvseac.ca	NA
TVDSB – Trustee	Sherri Moore sherri.moore@tvdsb.ca	NA
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Ontario Parents for Visually Impaired Children www.opvic.ca	Stephanie Antone Santone@tvseac.ca	Brandy Sell Bsell@tvseac.ca

**SECTION 2 ORGANIZATIONS
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (6)**

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ADDITIONAL MEMBERS		
	Kim Vandersluis Chippewas of the Thames First Nations Kvadnersluis@tvseac.ca	

Members of the public are encouraged to make their views known to SEAC by requesting a [delegate presentation to SEAC](#), contacting representatives directly, using the '[Contact us](#)' link on the [Special Education page of the TVDSB website](#), or calling the Special Education Department at the board office (519-452-2000 ext. 20076).

SEAC Activities

In the 2024-2025 school year, SEAC provided input on a wide range of special education department initiatives, the annual review of the Special Education Plan and the 2025-2026 special education budget.

SEAC had a number of staff presentations on exceptionality specific programs and resources including:

- Budget
- Exceptionality data
- EA Staffing Recruitment and Retention
- IEP Audit
- Summer Mental Health Program
- Annual Accessibility
- EQAO Results
- Professional Student Services Assessments

SEAC had an opportunity to ask questions and provide suggestions on each of these topics.

In addition, SEAC had presentations or reviewed processes related to:

- Orientation/Roles and Responsibilities of SEAC
- Multi Year Strategic Plan
- Parent Information Videos



- Psychological Services Regional Model
- Education Community and Partnership Program (ECPP)

SEAC had Representation on the Following Committees:

- Gifted Review Committee
- Special Education Plan Working Group