



Special Education Advisory Committee

December 3, 2025 11:15 am
Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jonathan Byer	Chair of the Board
Dennis Draves	Trustee
Crystal Hewey	Trustee
Larry Wiwchar	Trustee
Lorette McKnight	Temiskaming Metis Community Council (TMCC)
Richard Kearney	General Director, Acting Education Director, Timiskaming First Nation

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REGRETS:

Christine Heavens	Chair, Parent Representative
Holly Castellani	Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre (CTRC)
Shannon Costello	Director of Children's Services, CDSB

STAFF PRESENT:

Lesleigh Dye	Director of Education
Chad Mowbray	Superintendent of Education
Lisa Edwards	Superintendent of Business and Finance
Jody Pecore	Special Education Administrator
Elizabeth Kazienko	Mental Health & Well-Being Lead
Andreeanne Denis	Communication Officer
Shawn Donovan	Principal, R. Ross Beattie Public School

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Cathy Levasseur	Executive Assistant to Superintendent Mowbray
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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at **11:16 a.m.**
Land Acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY, Trustee Wiwchar, SECONDED BY, Trustee Hewey, THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING:

none



ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING:

MOVED BY, Trustee Wiwchar, SECONDED BY, Chair Byer, THAT the November 5, 2025 meeting minutes be approved.

CARRIED

SPECIAL EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS: Historical Data

- Superintendent Mowbray discussed data numbers from the last 9 years of Special Education students and staff supports.
- Superintendent Edwards did a presentation regarding Financial Data of Special Education funding.

Cognitive Profiles:

- Jody Pecore discussed Cognitive Profiles with focus on students with learning disabilities.
- November PD session with classroom teachers discussed Cognitive Profiles.
- District School Board Ontario North East has approximately 170 assessments done per year and is currently about a year wait list.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

- Trustee Hewey mentioned the board student trustees are working on activities in the high support classes.
- Chair Byer wanted to thank Superintendent Mowbray and Superintendent Edwards for sharing the data information regarding Special Education students.
- Trustee Wiwchar mentioned student trustees are participating in a mentoring program.

AGENCY REPORT:

Nil report.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES:

Nil report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Waterloo Regional District School Board SEAC Committee

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

none

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 21 at 12:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm.