

**GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REPORT OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on **Tuesday, April 20, 2021** via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Aimee Omstead, Trustee

Cathy Cooke, Trustee

Martha Vukov, Community Living Windsor-Essex County

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M. Wilcox drafted a letter in support and sent a copy of this letter via email to the SEAC committee members for review.

Send Letter of Support to Ministry

Motion: A. Omstead

Seconded: C. Cooke

That SEAC send the GECDSB SEAC letter supporting the letter from the Durham DSB, to the Minister of Education.

Special Education Plan for 2020 Review

K. Sweet shared her screen with the Special Education Plan for 2021 with the committee. M. Wilcox and K. Sweet went through all revisions from the first six standards of the Special Education Plan 2021 and discussed with

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Ministry Funding for Summer Initiatives

GECDSB received funding last year for summer learning. The Special Education Department held Camp Discovery for special education students. The feedback was amazing and we would like to hold this event again this summer. We also received Transition funding to assist students who may have difficulty transitioning into the 2021-2022 school year. We will also be holding the STRIVE conference in May, which focuses on intermediate students (gr. 7 and 8).

6. New Business

7. Association Reports

J. Matte-Gasparovic, Autism Ontario – Thanked the GECDSB for their participation in *Raise the Flag for Autism*. Autism Ontario is currently getting online camps underway. Please visit <https://www.autismontario.com> for more information

B. Turner, Home and School Instruction – Windsor Council continues to communicate with families virtually.

L. Cervini, Indigenous Community Representative – IAC and GECPIC have been going over the Strategic Plan.

Martha Vukov, Community Living Windsor-Essex County – Providing virtual supports through <https://mycommunityhub.ca/>

M. Fuduric, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County – There is a scholarship for students with an LD identification, who are attending post-secondary school next year. The deadline to apply is April 30th. Visit <https://www.ldawe.ca> for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Mary-Ann Fuduric, Chairperson
Special Education Advisory Committee

Mike Wilcox, Administrative Liaison
Special Education Advisory Committee

NEXT MEETING May 11, 2021

Board Meeting Minutes Available on GECDSB Website
<https://publicboard.ca/Board/Meetings/Pages/default.aspx>

Erin Kelly
Director of Education

Mike Wilcox
Administrative Liaison

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