



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 18, 2017

PRESENT:	Committee Members:	E. Swanson (Chair), C. Smith, S. McBride, F. Mick-Johnston, T. Williams, S. Sarazin, S. French
	Administration:	B. McIntyre, B. Smith, H. van der Mark, S. Cassidy-Rouleau, C. Barber, A. MacDougall-Popke, J. Pantuso
	Guests:	D. Root, A. Gagan, L. Schimmens, T. Hoffman
ABSENT:	(With Regrets)	B. Morris, K. Dunsmoor-Lough, L. Cobb

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair E. Swanson called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 18 JANUARY 2017

MOVED BY S. McBride, seconded by T. Williams, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the agenda, as amended, for today's meeting.

The motion was CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 21 DECEMBER 2016

MOVED BY C. Smith, seconded by S. Sarazin, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2016.

The motion was CARRIED.

5. SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET

Superintendent of Business L. Schimmens and Finance Manager Tammy Hoffman presented the board budget and reviewed grants generated to fund the special education envelope. These include the Special Education Per Pupil Amounts (SEPPA), High Needs Allocation, Special Education Equipment Amount, Section 23 Facilities Amount and Behavioural Expertise. The committee discussed changes to the funding model in year three of a four year phase-in, the history of the special education funding envelope, specialized transportation and the impact of salary increases and increments for teachers, educational assistants and support staff.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD – NIL

7. REPORTS FROM RESOURCE STAFF

B. Smith reviewed the final sections of the Special Education Report: Section 14 – Equipment, Section 15 – Accessibility, Section 16 – Transportation, Section 17 – Special Education Advisory Committee, Section 18 – Coordination of Services, and Section 19 – Submission and Availability.

Next steps will be to establish the focus groups for the Five Year Plan. It has been determined they will include IEP (Individual Education Plan), SEA (Special Equipment Allotment), Parent Guide and SERT (Special Education Resource Teacher).

8. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

T. Williams, Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley, reported that Dr. David Pitonyak will be speaking at a free information session on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel (formerly Travelodge). Two sessions will be held – one from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and another from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If committee members are having any problems registering they can email Tina directly.

S. French, Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario, reported that their next meeting will be on February 2, 2017 and the topic is the relationship between learning exceptionalities and mental health. The LDAO meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 160 Percy Street in Ottawa.

9. NEXT MEETINGS

- February 15, 2017
- March 22, 2017
- April 19, 2017
- May 17, 2017
- June 21, 2017

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY T. Williams, seconded by S. Sarazin, that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 5:10 p.m.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Renfrew County District School Board
2015-2016 Budget**

Special Education Grants

	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>Change from Prior Year</u>
1. Special Education Per Pupil Amounts (SEPPA)			
A. Elementary			
# Pupils – JK to Gr. 3	2,865		
Grant Amount per Pupil	x <u>\$931.12</u>	\$ 2,667,659	\$ 2,565,972
			\$ 101,687
# Pupils – Gr. 4 to Gr. 8	2,923		
Grant Amount per Pupil	x <u>\$715.22</u>	2,090,588	2,082,826
			7,762
B. Secondary			
# Pupils	3,218		
Grant Amount per Pupil	x <u>\$472.48</u>	1,520,441	1,564,940
			(44,499)
Total Special Education Per Pupil Amounts (SEPPA)	\$ 6,278,688	\$ 6,213,738	\$ 64,950
2. High Needs Allocation	\$ 6,008,975	\$ 5,190,499	\$ 818,476
3. Special Education Equipment Amount (SEA)	335,126	333,393	1,733
4. Section 23 Facilities Amount	268,453	266,045	2,408
5. Behavioural Expertise	109,492	109,475	17
6. Total Special Education Grants	\$ 13,000,734	\$ 12,113,150	\$ 887,584

The Special Education Grant provides funding for exceptional pupils and other students who need access to special education programs, services and equipment. Funding for Special Education must be spent on eligible special education items as defined by the Ministry. Any funds unspent at the end of the year must be transferred into a reserve and spent in future years on eligible special education items.

In 2014/15, the Ministry began eliminating both the legacy HNA per pupil amounts and the transitional HNA Stabilization support. Funding from these changes will gradually (over four years) be repurposed and redistributed to increase the proportion of funding that is allocated through both the HNA Measures of Variability Amount (MOV) and the Special Education Statistical Prediction Model (SESPM). In addition, a High Needs Base Amount for Collaboration and Integration will be introduced to provide a "floor/base" of high needs funding using the same amount for all school boards.

The Board has consistently spent more each year on Special Education than what the Ministry has provided and as such does not have a Special Education Reserve.

Special Education Funding Envelope	(Deficit)*	Special Education Funding Envelope	(Deficit)*	Special Education Funding Envelope	(Deficit)*
1998/99	(\$843,000)	1999/00	(\$969,000)	2000/01	(\$913,000)
2001/02	(\$1,348,000)	2002/03	(\$1,631,000)	2003/04	(\$1,862,000)
2004/05	(\$1,326,000)	2005/06	(\$1,784,000)	2006/07	(\$929,000)
2007/08	(\$1,345,000)	2008/09	(\$1,414,000)	2009/10	(\$1,756,000)
2010/11	(\$1,716,000)	2011/12	(\$962,000)	2012/13	(\$702,599)
2013/14	(\$891,532)	2014/15 Budget	(1,506,301)	2015/16 Budget	(\$1,226,598)

*Excludes transportation costs for Special Needs.

**Renfrew County District School Board
2016-2017 Budget**

Special Education Grants

	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>Change from Prior Year</u>
1. Special Education Per Pupil Amounts (SEPPA)			
A. Elementary			
# Pupils – JK to Gr. 3 2861			
Grant Amount per Pupil x <u>\$949.87</u>	\$2,717,578	\$2,667,659	\$49,919
 # Pupils – Gr. 4 to Gr. 8 2942			
Grant Amount per Pupil x <u>\$729.62</u>	2,146,542	2,090,588	\$55,954
 B. Secondary			
# Pupils 3107			
Grant Amount per Pupil x <u>\$481.87</u>	1,497,170	1,520,441	-\$23,271
Total Special Education Per Pupil Amounts (SEPPA)	\$6,361,290	\$6,278,688	\$82,602
2. High Needs Allocation	\$6,652,714	\$6,008,975	\$643,739
3. Special Education Equipment Amount (SEA)	331,660	335,126	-\$3,466
4. Section 23 Facilities Amount	268,453	268,453	\$0
5. Behavioural Expertise	110,421	109,492	\$929
6. Total Special Education Grants	\$13,724,538	\$13,000,734	\$723,804
Envelope Calculation:			
Remove: Section 23 Program	-268,453	-268,453	\$0
Add Funded from Foundation Grants	977,087	1,160,452	-183,365
Special Education Funding	\$14,433,172	\$13,892,733	\$540,439
Expenditures	15,436,988	15,119,331	317,657
Special Education Envelope Shortfall	-\$1,003,816	-\$1,226,598	\$222,782