



## **Part 4: The Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

### ***Purpose of the Standard***

*To provide details of the operation of the board's SEAC to the Ministry and to give members of the public information to which they are entitled.*

### **The Role and Responsibilities of SEAC**

- to advise the Board with respect to the establishment, development, and delivery of programs and services to exceptional pupils;
- to participate in the Board's annual review process of the Special Education Plan;
- to participate in the OCDSB annual budget process as it relates to special education by appointing a SEAC member to the Budget Committee;
- to encourage the public to bring special education issues to the attention of SEAC by requesting to delegate at SEAC monthly meetings;
- to pass motions which are presented as advice to the Board;
- to appoint a non-voting representative to the Committee of the Whole to ensure that the interests of students with special education needs are considered in Board deliberations;
- to review procedures and make recommendations;
- to organize and prepare meeting agendas prior to monthly SEAC meetings with a focus on current issues and requests for information;
- to respond to reviews of special education programs and services;
- to guide parent(s)/guardian(s) in policies and procedures relating to students with special needs and inform them of their rights and responsibilities, as requested;
- to create and maintain a guide of SEAC members and contact information;

### **SEAC Meetings**

- occur on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:00 p.m., at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, 133 Greenbank Road, Ottawa (Nepean), Ontario;
- all members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend;
- members of the public are encouraged to make their views known to SEAC by contacting representatives directly or by appearing as a delegation
- a delegation will be allocated time as follows:
  - up to four minutes where the request was made in advance of the meeting;
  - up to two minutes if the request was made after the publication of the agenda and prior to the start of the meeting;





## **Composition of SEAC**

- consists of three trustees, representatives of local associations, and three community members committed to furthering the interests of students with special education needs;

For more information on the role of SEAC and the nomination process, see [Special Education Advisory Committee Policy P. 019.GOV](#). This can be located on our website at [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca). A hard copy is available upon request. Please contact Communications and Information Services at 613-596-8211, ext. 8310.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OCDSB) MEMBERS 2018-19**

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