

General Definitions

- An exceptional pupil means a pupil whose behavioural, communication, intellectual, physical or multiple exceptionalities are such that he/she is considered to need placement in a special education program by a committee of the Board.
- A Special Education Program is based on and modified by the results of continuous assessment and evaluation which includes the Individual Education Plan.
- Special Education Services means facilities and resources, including support personnel and equipment necessary for developing and implementing a special education program.

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The Keewatin-Patricia District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The Special Education Advisory Committee advises the Board of Trustees on all matters related to the provisions of special education programs and services to exceptional pupils within the KPDSB.

The Keewatin-Patricia District School Board believes that SEAC representation should occur from all regions of the Board and members generally represent a provincially recognized association, but members-at-large are also appointed by the Board. The committee is comprised mainly of parents who represent a local association that shares interest in supporting exceptional children. SEAC is also served by trustees of the Board, and acting in an advisory capacity are Special Assignment Teachers and a Supervisory Officer.

SEAC Members as Resources

The SEAC members can be very helpful to parents and students because of their knowledge of the concerns of their associations and of the Board's practices and personnel. If you have a specific concern, a SEAC member will probably be able to suggest a course of action, direct you to the appropriate personnel to help, and if necessary advocate for you and your child.

“Every individual human being born on this earth has the capacity to become a unique and special person, unlike any who has ever existed before or ever will again.”

- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross



SEAC Meetings

The SEAC meets the third Wednesday of each month from September to June. Meetings are teleconferenced from sites in various communities. Sites and dates for the upcoming meetings can be obtained by calling the Board Office in Kenora at (807) 468-3131 ext. 236.

Topics for the SEAC meetings include:

- Evaluation of existing programs
- Discussion regarding future programs and services
- Review of the Special Education Plan
- Discussion of the professional development activities for staff (and SEAC members)
- Allocation and Review of the special education finances.