



## B-13

### Advocacy and Inclusive Education — Making it Work

Special Education  
Advisory Committee  
(SEAC)

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This session will be presented through the lens of inclusive education, including topics such as a definition of inclusive education; operating from a place of value and the essentials needed to advocate on behalf of your child. Meeting tips and strategies will be shared. Particular attention will be given to the power of language, creating a vision and how to find/encourage support.

#### Resources

Avon Maitland DSB a student's views

<http://yourschools.ca/stay-involved/inclusive-education-by-kaitlyn-shaw/>

Dr. Patrick Schwarz The Top Ten Questions Asked about Inclusive Education

[http://mn.gov/mnddc/patrick\\_schwarz/index.html](http://mn.gov/mnddc/patrick_schwarz/index.html)

Inclusive Education Canada

<http://inclusiveeducation.ca>

Inclusion: How to Know It When You See It

<http://blog.brookespublishing.com/inclusion-how-to-know-it-when-you-see-it/>

#### Presenters

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Kim supports children and youth with disabilities to develop meaningful relationships and participation in the natural community. Kim's passion concerning education, advocacy and inclusion stems from shifts in her personal life, influenced by her work with Extend-A-Family, and life within the educational system.

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In her present role, Elizabeth works collaboratively with administrators, teachers, and support staff to ensure that their students' needs are being met. She also provides consultative support to parents on special education topics and professional development for teachers.