

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

We are a Catholic Learning Community of collaborative partners, called to serve one another by being committed to and accountable for quality learning by all with Jesus as our inspiration.

MINUTES of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A regular meeting was held on **April 7, 2010** at the Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members: M. Agosta, C. Lampole, C. Newton, O. Pariselli, H. Sirola, P. Whittam

Association Representatives: L. Ciccone, J. Cocchetto, M. Reaume

Administration: F. Bagley, C. Leger, G. Murphy, L. Wilson

Regrets: L. Aqui, M. K. Bryden, M. Brumwell, A. Care, T. Ciaravella, T. D'Acunto, J. Kelterborn, C. Lampole, T. McNicol, M. Paczek, A. Pizzolato, R. Shepherd

Recording: D. Cultraro

Guests: Kelsie Vink, Kerry's Place Autism Services (Potential SEAC Representative); Mr. Larry Abas, Parent; Matthew Abas, YCDSB Student

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

P. Whittam welcomed guests

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for April 7, 2010.

Motion – Agenda approved.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes February 24, 2010.

Motion – Minutes approved.

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2010:02 was distributed and received by committee.

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda

March 9, 2010 agenda was distributed and received by committee.

6.2 Report to the Directors: SE/IPRCs

February 2010 report was distributed and received by committee.

6.3 Student In-Services Calendar

March 2010 calendar was distributed and received by committee.

6.4 School Year Calendar 2010-2011

Memo of major school holidays for 2010-2011 was distributed and received by committee.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Education Law Vol 21, No. 7 March 2010 was distributed and received by committee.

8.0 Presentations/Discussions

8.1 Accessibility Standards for Customer Services

Lee Wilson, Superintendent of Student Services and Safe and Caring Schools presented the YCDSB Accessibility Standards for Customer Service. The YCDSB as a public sector organization is responsible for providing goods and services that are barrier-free and enabling of full integration for those with disabilities. A PowerPoint presentation and an Accessibility Standards for Ontarians video was presented and viewed.

HANDOUT: See PowerPoint presentation.

8.2 SIP Claims Update

Lee Wilson, Superintendent of Student Services and Safe and Caring Schools presented an update on the 2009-2010 SIP Claim Audit. The Special Incidence Portion (SIP) funding is available to schools boards for staff support in order to meet the health and safety needs of students who have extraordinarily high needs related to their disabilities. The YCDSB Student Services department worked diligently and submitted 38 claims this year, up from 5 for 2008-2009 school year. These submissions were audited and approved by the Ministry, which provided approximately \$850,000 in funding.

8.3 Third Party Protocol

Geraldine Murphy, Secondary Co-ordinator and Cathy Leger, Elementary Co-ordinator, presented an update on the YCDSB Third Party Protocol. This document is under constant revision which is the main reason as to why it is maintained as a protocol and not a policy. A protocol can be amended as needed. The YCDSB continues to include partnerships as partnerships are ever expanding. The protocol is continuously being refined so that the Board and Agencies can continue to work collaboratively.

HANDOUT: See Third Party Protocol handouts

- External Partnership – Privately Funded Services Providers;
- External Partnership – Publicly Funded Service Providers.

8.4 Post Secondary Information Evening

Geraldine Murphy, Secondary Co-ordinator discussed the upcoming Post Secondary Information Evening for students with learning disabilities and their parents. This information evening is scheduled for May 5th commencing at 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the CEC. There will be presentations from Skilled Trades/Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, Seneca Humber & Centennial College, York University & University of Toronto and the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario.

HANDOUT: See Flyer.

9.0 Business Arising

9.1 SEAC Agenda Package going Paperless

Paul Whittam, Chair, discussed how the first paperless SEAC Agenda package was received. Dora to add "Please confirm receipt of this email" to the outgoing email message in order to ensure that all SEAC Members & Committee are in receipt of package.

10.0 Action Items

10.1 CTN 2010 York Parent & Provider Information Fair

A SEAC representative is requested at the CTN 2010 York Parent & Provider Information Fair taking place May 18, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Safety Village of York Region, Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, Stouffville, Ontario. Please review the flyer enclosed in the April 7th SEAC Agenda package and advise Dora via email if you would like to participate Friday, April 30th, 2010.

11.0 Association Reports

11.1 AutismOntario, York Region

Registration for Summer Programs (A-OK Autism Ontario Kids Camp and A-OK Autism Ontario Adult Summer Program) has been extended to April 30th, 2010.

For more info: www.Autismontario.com/york

11.2 Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

- LDAO 11th Annual Vintages & Jazz Raffle 2010 – Draw to be held on May 3rd, 2010 at 11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 (see attached flyer).
- LDAO 11th Annual Vintages & Jazz major fundraising event "An afternoon of Ontario Wines and Silent Auction" on Sunday, May 2nd, 2010 at 11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each or \$25 at the door (see attached flyer).

Please contact the Association for more information at www.ldayr.org/vnj.

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

12.1 How Special Education is Funded (April)

12.2 No One Alone Video (April)

14.0 Next Meeting: Monday, April 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Boardroom at CEC

15.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 9:00 p.m.