

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 **December 15, 2008** at the Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario commencing at **6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members: M. Agosta, M. Brumwell, K. Bryden, A. Care, T. Ciaravella, J. Cocchetto, C. Lampole, T. McNicol, C. Newton, M. Reaume, P. Whittam

Association Representatives:

Administration: T. D'Acunto, F. Bagley, C. Laughlin, L. Wilson

Regrets: L. Aqui, L. Ciccone, J. Hoffman, C. MacDonald, G. Murphy

Recording: D. Cultraro

Guests: Elizabeth Crowe

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

- P. Whittam

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion – Agenda approved

4.0 Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 2008

Motion – Minutes approved

5.0 Presentations/Discussions

5.1 ABA Phase II Implementation Plan

Board received \$97,000 to spend on training. Last year's training session was very successful. The title for the 1-day training is "Planning for Inclusion". Sessions are targeted at Classroom Teachers – Elementary to include Classroom & Core Teachers/Secondary to include Subject Teachers of particular students. Approx. 200 staff to participate.

Handout: ABA Update 2008-2009

5.2 Learning Disability Conference

LD Conference entitled “Empowering Students, Teachers & Parents” to be held late April, early May. Venue is being sourced and a Steering Committee is being created (Associations & SEAC Members invited). Approximately 500 Students plus Parents from Learning Strategies will be participating.

First Meeting of Steering Committee is scheduled for January 16th at the CEC.

6.0 Business Arising

6.1 Special Education Programs & Services Survey (Parent Survey)

Ministry recommended that our Board send out a “Parent Survey”. The intent is to survey a random sample of Parents that have students accessing Special Education programs and services. The survey results are to be anonymous. We are looking to SEAC to review and forward recommendations and suggestions at the next SEAC meeting scheduled for January 21, 2009.

We will be looking for trends and patterns in the responses.

Suggestions made at the meeting are as follows:

- Since more and more immigrants are entering our system, we should look into having the Survey translated into a variety of languages.
- A concern was that some Parents don’t know the formal titles of the programs and assistance that their son/daughter are receiving.

The Survey will be distributed by mail. Ministry did not set a deadline.

Handout: Student Services Special Education Services – Parent Survey

7.0 Action Items

8.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2007:10 received by committee

9.0 Information Items

9.1 Board Agenda

November 18, 2008 agenda were distributed to members

9.2 Report to the Directors: SE/IPRCs

November 2008 Report received by the committee

9.3 Student Services Calendar

November 2008 calendar was distributed to all members.

10.0 Correspondence

11.0 Association Reports

Nothing to Report

12.0 New Business

13.0 Items for Future Agendas

13.1 Parent Survey Recommendations & Suggestions

14.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Boardroom at CEC

15.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 7:15 p.m.