

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 16, 2009** 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, T. McNicol, C. Newton, A. Pizzolato, M.E. Scriver, H. Sirola, P. Whittam

Association Representatives: R. Shepherd

Administration: F. Bagley, T. D'Acunto, G. Murphy, M. Paczek, L. Wilson

Regrets: M. Agosta, L. Aqui, A. Care, T. Ciaravella, J. Cocchetto, C. Lampole, J. Kelterborn, C. Laughlin, M. Reaume

Recording: D. Cultraro

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

P. Whittam welcomed guests

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for December 16, 2009

Motion – Agenda approved.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes October 21, 2009.

Motion – Minutes approved.

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2009:08 was distributed and received by committee.

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda

November 3 and November 24, 2009 agendas were distributed and received by committee.

6.2 Report to the Directors: SE/IPRCs

October and November 2009 reports were distributed and received by committee.

6.3 Student In-Services Calendar

October and November 2009 calendars were distributed and received by committee.

7.0 Correspondence

- 7.1 Education Law Vol 21, No. 2 October 2009 was distributed and received by committee.
- 7.2 YCDSB Endorsement Letter to Helga Sirola was distributed and received by committee.
- 7.3 YCDSB Endorsement Letter to Mary Ellen Scriver was distributed and received by committee.
- 7.4 Rainy River District School Board SEAC letter to the Minister of Education was distributed and received by committee.
- 7.5 District School Board Ontario North East SEAC letter to the Minister of Education was distributed and received by committee.
- 7.6 SEAC Membership List 2009/10 was distributed and received by committee.
- 7.7 Ministry of Education letter: Regional Sessions re: Continuous Improvement of IEP to Support Student Achievement was distributed and received by committee.
- 7.8 Kenora Catholic District School Board SEAC letter to the Minister of Education was distributed and received by committee.
- 7.9 Education Law Vol 21, No. 3 November 2009 was distributed and received by committee.

8.0 Presentations/Discussions

8.1 IEP Audit Results

Geraldine Murphy & Maria Paczek presented the Internal Individual Education Plan (IEP) 2009/10 Audit results. The results showed that the majority of IEP's in the system will approach the Ministry Standards in the area of "Annual Goals" and "Transition Plans" and meet Ministry Standards in areas of "Strength" and "Accommodations".

HANDOUT: See PowerPoint presentation.

8.2 Feedback re: Ministry Regional Session on IEPs

Tina D'Acunto and Cenza Newton attended the Ministry IEP workshop and presented the Workshop Highlights. The objective to gather information to support the development of a resource that will be a revision of the Individual Education Plan

HANDOUT: See attached handout.

8.3 SEAC Conference

Lee Wilson discussed re-introducing a SEAC Conference, which was an annual event in previous years. The conference would take place on a Saturday morning mid-February to end of March. It will be approximately one (1) hour in length. An invitation would be sent to the Ministry of Education to participate in the conference, possibly as a guest speaker. Please forward ideas/suggestions to Dora Cultraro as soon as possible. A draft Agenda will be presented at the January SEAC meeting.

9.0 Business Arising

10.0 Action Items

- 10.1 A draft letter was distributed and received by committee. Letter was approved for distribution. Please forward Agency suggestions to Lee Wilson as soon as possible. Target date to send invitation out is mid January. Suggested Agencies are CTN, Eplilepsy Ontario, Learning Disabilities Association.

11.0 Association Reports

12.0 New Business

13.0 Items for Future Agendas

13.1 Safe Schools Bill 157 (E. Walters, T. Pinelli, L. Wilson)

13.2 Accessibility Standards (L. Wilson)

13.3 ABA Update (M. Paczek)

13.4 Special Ed Funding (L. Wilson)

14.0 Next Meeting: Monday, January 25th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Boardroom at CEC

15.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 7:25 p.m.