

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 **February 28, 2011** at the Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members: M. Agosta, C. Amenta, K. Bryden, A. Care, N. Colatosti, C. Ferlisi, C. Newton, M.E. Scriver, B. Sheppard, , M. Vaessen-Kurz

Association Representatives: D. Flynn, M. Reaume, S. Turrin

Administration: T. D'Acunto, G. Murphy

Regrets: H. Adams, F. Bagley, L. Ciccone, S. Hubers, C. Leger, T. McNicol, M. Paczek, P. Whittam

Recording: D. Cultraro

Guests: L. Abas, Parent
J. Porter, Sr. Manager of Budget & Financial Reporting

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

C. Newton welcomed guests

2.0 Prayer – C. Newton**3.0 Approval of Agenda**

Approval of Agenda for February 28, 2011.

Motion – Agenda approved as amended with the removal of Item 10.1.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes January 26, 2011.

Motion – Minutes approved.

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2011:01 was distributed and received by committee.

6.0 Information Items**6.1 Board Agenda**

February 15, 2011 agenda was distributed and received by committee.

6.2 Report to the Directors: SE/IPRCs

N/A.

6.3 Student In-Services Calendar

March 2011 calendars was distributed and received by committee.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 N/A

8.0 Presentations/Discussions**8.1 Budget Process Refresher**

Jackie Porter, Sr. Manager of Budget & Financial Reporting, presented an overview on the Special Education Budget. Jackie reviewed the GSN funding model, Provincial funding and Grant projections.

HANDOUT: See PowerPoint presentation.

8.2 PAaC SEAC Handbook & Evaluation

Tina D'Acunto, Acting Superintendent of Exceptional Learners, discussed creating a YCDSB SEAC Handbook for future use. Members were to have reviewed the handbook that was distributed at the January 26 SEAC meeting. Members discussed the contents of the YCDSB SEAC Handbook. Committee members are Helga Sirola, Paul Whittam and Cenza Newton.

SEAC Conference will be scheduled for a Saturday morning in the spring.

Handout: See attached SEAC handbook form

8.3 SEAC Terms of Reference

Tina D'Acunto, Acting Superintendent of Exceptional Learners, presented and discussed the draft "SEAC Terms of Reference". Members were asked to provide any revisions to Dora prior to the next meeting.

Handout: See attached SEAC Terms of Reference

9.0 Business Arising**10.0 Action Items****11.0 Association Reports****11.1 Down Syndrome Association of York Region**

Three new programs:

"Karate 4 Change" for children between the ages of 4 to 12 years. Cost is \$108 for 8 weeks and will be held at the King Community Center at 25 Doctor's Lane in King City.

"Dance with BBK" for children between the ages of 5 to 13 years. Cost is \$80 for 8 weeks and will be held at the Longo's plaza above the Shoppers Drug Mart in Richmond Hill.

"Kid Connection Club" for children between the ages of 8 to 12 years with a sister/brother who has Down Syndrome. Cost is \$30 per child (includes activities, materials, lunch and snacks) and will be held in the basement of Trinity Anglican Church in Aurora. Next session is planned for February/March 2011.

Visit www.dsayr.on.ca.

11.2 Learning Disabilities Association of York Region:
Workshop on March 9 to 11 at the York Catholic District School Board. Speaker will be Chris Dendy, author, mental health professional, school psychologist and mother of 3 grown children who have ADHD. The topics to be discussed will be understanding ADHD, current research on the brain, updates on medication and provide techniques in order to support student success in school. Call 416-929-4311 x 21 to register.

11.3 Autism Ontario York Region
Summer Camp registration is available online at www.autismontario.com/york.

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

12.1 YCDSB plan for Services for Students with Special Needs/Special Education Needs and the Early Learning Program in Year 1 2010-2011

12.2 PPM140 Plan

12.3 Assistive Technology Student Demonstration (June 2011)

14.0 Next Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Boardroom at CEC.

15.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.