

## 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 **June 16, 2008** at the Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

#### PRESENT:

**Committee Members:** M. Brumwell, K. Bryden, A. Care, C. Lampole, C. Newton, A. Pizzolato, P. Whittam

**Association Representatives:** M. Reaume, R. Shepherd

**Administration:** T. D'Acunto, G. Murphy, L. Wilson

**Regrets:** M. Agosta, L. Aqui, F. Bagley, J. Cocchetto, J. Kelterborn, C. Laughlin, T. McNicol, T. Ciaravella

**Recording:** C. Brinias

**Guests:**

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

- P. Whittam

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda for June 16, 2008

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for May 26, 2008

Committee received a copy of the approved Minutes for April 30 and March 31, 2008

5.0 Presentations/Discussions

##### 5.1 COMPASS

M. Cassidy, Project Manager of COMPASS provided a comprehensive presentation on COMPASS (**COM**munity and **PA**rents in **S**upport of **S**chools). It was established in December 1998 to advise the Ministry of Education on ways in which home-school-community collaborations could be strengthened and promoted. COMPASS aims to develop a common understanding among students, parents, schools and the community about the role that each group should play in a concerted effort to achieve the desired outcomes of education.

Goals for COMPASS are as follows:

- Provide equitable access to an array of supports and services for children, youth and families
- Improve the community's capacity to address needs of children, youth and their families

- Embed child & adolescent mental health services within the broader community of services and supports.
- Reduce mental health stigma
- Develop the resiliency factors that increase the ability of students to rebound in the face of adversity
- Reduce serious incidents in schools resulting from mental health issues
- Provide a model of service that can be replicated across the Region of York.

See PowerPoint presentation attached for more information.

## **5.2 Celebrating our Successes**

Lee provided a summary of projects and initiatives implemented during the 2007-2008 school year; CODE, OPA, ABA, IEP Audit, COMPASS, CTN

Lee acknowledged the dedication and hard work of her staff. All the projects proved to be very successful.

## **6.0 Business Arising**

### **6.1 Third Party Protocol**

SEAC discussed the option of whether the Third Party Protocol is to remain a protocol or to be considered a policy.

**A motion was brought forward** as follows:

**SEAC** acknowledges receipt of the revisions to the amended draft of the Third Party Protocol.

**SEAC RECOMMENDS THAT** the protocol be implemented and reviewed in 6 months (December 2008) and again in a year's time (June 2008).

### **6.2 SEAC Presentation to the Board**

Paul Whittam reviewed with SEAC the presentation he will deliver to the Board on June 17, 2008. A copy of the presentation is attached.

## **7.0 Action Items**

### **7.1 SEAC Meeting Dates**

**A motion was brought forward** as follows:

**SEAC** acknowledges and approves the revised SEAC Meeting dates as follows:

**Monday, September 22, 2008**

**Monday, October 20, 2008**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2008**

**Monday, December 15, 2008**

## **8.0 SEAC Report to Board**

Report 2008:05 received by committee

## **9.0 Information Items**

### **9.1 Board Agenda**

May 27, 2008 agenda was distributed to members

### **9.2 Report to the Directors: SE/IPRCs**

May 2008 Report received by the committee

### **9.3 Student Services Calendar**

May 2008 calendar was distributed to all members.

### **9.4 Education Law**

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## **10.0 Correspondence**

## **11.0 Association Reports**

### **11.1 AutismONTARIO - York Region**

- Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) has granted AutismONTARIO kids (A-OK) Camp \$60,000 to maintain and expand capacity of our summer camp
- Refer to [www.autismontario.com/york](http://www.autismontario.com/york) for information on back to school assistance for families in August.

### **11.2 Down Syndrome Association of York Region**

- Newly elected president is Dave Sartor of Newmarket. He is the president of Nor-Line Plumbing and Mechanical and is a godfather of a 9 year old boy with Down Syndrome.
- Current Initiatives:
  - Improve consistency of quarterly newsletter
  - Information pamphlet
  - Continue subsidy of “Chatter Boxes” speech/O.T. therapy program (recent pilot a success)
  - Continue subsidy of Music Therapy Program
  - Canada’s Wonderland family day in September 2008

Visit website at [www.ysacl.on.ca](http://www.ysacl.on.ca)

### **11.3 Early Intervention Services**

Early Intervention Services is seeking accreditation through CARF. CARF reviews and grants accreditation services nationally and internationally on request of a facility or program. CARF standards are rigorous, so those services that meet them are among the best available. This is an intensive accreditation process that will be happening during September to October 2008. All aspects of service delivery will be reviewed.

### **11.4 Learning Disability Association, York Region**

Attached are the summer and fall programs. On behalf of the Association we wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

## **12.0 New Business**

## **13.0 Items for Future Agendas**

## **14.0 Next Meeting: Monday, September 22, 2008**

## **15.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 8:45 p.m.**