

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

PRESENT:

Committee Members: H. Adams, M. Agosta, K. Bryden, N. Colatosti, C. Ferlisi, M.E. Scriver, B. Sheppard, H. Sirola, M. Vaessen-Kurz, P. Whittam

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

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

Regrets: C. Amenta, C. Leger, T. McNicol, C. Newton

Recording: D. Cultraro

Guests: L. Abas, Parent
Rob Caruso, St. Theresa of Liseux CHS Teacher & Niagara University Student
Josie Fragnelli, Special Programs Consultant Elementary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

P. Whittam welcomed guests

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam**3.0 Approval of Agenda**

Approval of Agenda for March 28, 2011.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes February 28, 2011.
Motion – Minutes approved.

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2011:02 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 Student In-Services Calendar

April and May 2011 calendars were distributed and received by committee.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 N/A

8.0 Presentations/Discussions**8.1 Outdoor Experiential Education for Students in Transition Diagnostic Centres (TD)**

Josie Fragnelli, Special Programs Elementary Consultant presented the Trails Pilot Program -Outdoor Experiential Education Students in Transition Diagnostic Centres. The Transitional Classroom is a program for students in the Primary, Junior and Intermediate grades who require crisis stabilization or interim support. The YCDSB has four centres with 6 students per centre. There is a growing need for alternative practices for these students

HANDOUT: See PowerPoint presentation.

8.2 PPM140 Plan Sustainability for 2010/11

Maria Paczek, ASD Co-ordinator, presented the PPM140 Plan for 2010/11 school year. It included, but not limited to, ongoing ABA training for staff, parent workshops, summer primary transition programs

Parent Workshops are being scheduled for the month of May (4 half day sessions).

Half day summer primary transition programs have been scheduled for students from August 8th to the 19th at Our Lady Help of Christians.

HANDOUT: See PowerPoint presentation.

8.3 SEAC Spring Conference

Tina D'Acunto, Acting Superintendent of Exceptional Learners, discussed the SEAC Spring Conference. The conference has been scheduled for Saturday, May 7th from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Agenda to be emailed prior to conference.

8.4 Future Agency Presentations

Committee members have shown an interest in learning more about the different Agencies. SEAC Representatives are asked to present a brief overview on their Agency's mandate and services. Presentations are to be approximately 15 to 20 minutes in length.

York Support Services will be presenting at the April 27th meeting.

York Region Head Injury Support Group will be presenting at the May 25th meeting.

9.0 Business Arising**9.1 Budget Sub-committee**

Every year we have a Budget Sub-Committee, along with Jackie Porter & John Sabo, to keep us up to date on the progress of the budget. Meetings will begin in April. Two meetings will be required for the month of May to prepare for the June Board presentation.

Volunteers for the committee are as follows:

Maria Agosta, Cenza Newton, Paul Whittam, Nina Colatosti

The April meeting to be scheduled on a Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m.

10.0 Action Items

10.1 SEAC Terms of Reference

SEAC moves approval of the Terms of Reference document as drafted and recommends adoption by the Board.

1) THAT the Terms of Reference for the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

11.0 Association Reports

11.1 Community Living – York South

Youth & Families in Transition. Please see attached flyer.

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 Assistive Technology Student Demonstration (June 2011)

12.3 Trustee Role in School Boards

12.4 EA/EI Allocations

14.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Boardroom at CEC.

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