

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 **October 20, 2008** at the Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members: T. Ciaravella, C. Lampole, C. MacDonald, O. Pariselli, C. Walsh-Peters, P. Whittam

Association Representatives: L. Ciccone, J. Cocchetto, M. Reaume

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

Regrets: M. Agosta, L. Aqvi, F. Bagley, A. Care, K. Bryden, C. Newton, T. McNicol, A. Pizzolato

Recording: D. Cultraro

Guests: T. Calabretta (York University, Special Ed),
S. Giarratano (York University, Special Ed)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

- P. Whittam

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda for October 20, 2008

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for September 22, 2008

Committee received a copy of the approved Minutes for June 16, 2008

5.0 Presentations/Discussions

5.1 IEP Audit 2007-2008

The outcome of the Fall 2006 Internal IEP Collaborative Review identified key areas for improvement in the development of IEPs

The May 2008 Internal IEP Review was to measure progress towards achievement of the following 2007-2008 target:

The majority, (75%) of Individual Education Plans in the system will be:
Approaching Ministry Standards in areas of "Annual Goals" and "Transition Plans"
Meeting Ministry Standards in areas of "Strength" and "Accommodations"

- See IEP Collaborative Review Summary Report May 2008 Presentation

5.2 EQAO Report

Board improvement plan includes expectations for all students including students with special needs. The Ministry wants to see the gap narrowing between Special Education and Regular Education.

- See EQAO Results 2008 handout
- See Board Improvement Targets & Focus – Students with Special Education Needs 2008-2009
- See Highlights of Individual Education Plan Collaborative Review Conducted May 2008

5.3 2008 Summer Camp – Assistive Technology & ASD

Assistive Technology:

The proposal of partnership was brought forward from Autism Ontario to both school boards in York Region which is based on the original idea from Autism Ontario's Thunder Bay Chapter.

The purpose was to assist young students in preparing transition successfully from summer holidays back to school routines. The program focused not only on literacy and numeracy skills but also on social skills. It also offered parents an opportunity to see and use some strategies that they could then utilize at home when working with their children

Presently investigating if more parents are interested and then repeat the program again in the summer

- See Transition to School Summer Program presentation

Assistive Technology:

This summer program was a partnership between the York Catholic District School Board & Vocalinks. Great feedback via questionnaire was received from parents and students who attended.

6.0 Business Arising

- 6.1 Election of Vice Chair deferred to November 19th meeting.

7.0 Action Items

8.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2008:07 received by committee

9.0 Information Items

9.1 Board Agenda

September 16, 2008 agenda was distributed to SEAC Members

9.2 Report to the Directors: SE/IPRCs

September 2008 Report received by the committee.

9.3 Student Services Department Goals 2008-2009

Circulated to SEAC Members

10.0 Correspondence

10.1 Education Law Vol. 20, No. 1 September 2008 circulated to SEAC Members

11.0 Association Reports

None to report

12.0 New Business

None to report

13.0 Items for Future Agendas

13.1 LD Conference

14.0 Next Meeting: Monday, December 15, 2008

15.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 8:20 p.m.