

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A regular meeting was held in a hybrid format in person at CEC, 320 Bloomington Rd. W and virtually over Google Meet on **September 18, 2023** at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members:	S, Byrne*, J. Gamboa*, A. Grella*, D. Legris*, J. Man*, L. Webb*, J. Wigston,
Association Representatives:	J. Akleh*, L. Campeotto*, M. Marcello*, C. Sandig*
Administration:	D. Candido, L.Lausic*, E. Strano*
Regrets:	S. Gatti, N. Lai, N. Welch
Recording:	C. Mong*
Guests:	A. Connolly, <i>Parent of YCDSB</i> J. Emery, <i>Kerry's Place</i> L. Marchetti, <i>Special Education Consultant - Hearing, YCDSB</i> A. Miraglia, <i>Itinerant Work Experience Teacher, YCDSB</i> F. Puma, <i>Parent of YCDSB</i> N. Whitebread, <i>Special Education Consultant, YCDSB</i> M. Willis, <i>Kerry's Place</i> M. Xue, <i>Parent of YCDSB</i> Y. Zhou, <i>Parent of YCDSB</i>

*Denotes virtual attendance

CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE

1.0 Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

2.0 Approval of New Material

Nil – No New Material

2.1 Roll Call

3.0 Moment of Inspiration

PA DAY PLAY DAY: This is an annual event for hearing students of YCDSB. This event takes place in May.
Summer Learning Camp: YCDSB offered a Summer Learning camp for students accessing alternative program areas in gr K-8 with funds acquired from the MOE. The program provided a fun, safe, friendly environment with a focus on building various skills. At the end of the program a survey was sent to parents and the feedback was positive, we hope to run this program again next year.
Learning for life: A partnership with YCDSB and Kerry's Place. The program began in 2019, as a half day program. In response to feedback of past participants and families, with MOE funding, this summer YCDSB and Kerry's place was able to run a full day 2-week program at 2 high schools. This program focused on students daily living skills, social skills, community skills to name a few. In both 2019 and 2023, all students demonstrated improvement in all areas. The program received 100% positive feedback.

5.0 Approval of Agenda September 18, 2023

Motion– Agenda approved (Legris / Gamboa)

6.0 Approval of the Minutes June 12, 2023

Motion - Minutes approved (Byrne / Grella)

7.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2023:07 – June 2023

8.0 Information Items

8.2 Elks of Canada

8.3 VOICE Canada – Resources for the deaf and hard of hearing community

Items 7.0-8.3 Received on Block – with the removal of 8.1 (Grella / Legris)

9.0 Correspondence

10.0 Presentations / Discussions

10.1 Planning of SEAC Presenters for 2023-2024

- A google form will be sent to association representatives to schedule their associations' presentation.

10.2 Student Services Summer 2022 Recap and updates

- Superintendent Candido presented the successful summer programs and services delivered by the Student Services department over the summer.

10.3 SEAC Goals

- Discussion around goals for this school year and the direction SEAC is heading. A google form to gather association representative feedback will be shared.

11.0 Business Arising

Nil

12.0 Action Items

Nil

13.0 Association Reports

Autism Ontario: The association is working on recruiting SEAC members across the province.

14.0 Items for Future Agendas

- Budget Presentation

15.0 Next Meeting: Monday October 16, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. in a hybrid format over Google Meet and at CEC Board office, 320 Bloomington Rd W Aurora ON.

16.0 Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Meeting adjourned (Grella / Legris)