

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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AGENDA

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 11th, 2023

CEC: 320 Bloomington Rd W Aurora Ontario
Board Room

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Questions?

Please complete this [form](https://forms.gle/o7CuzGWgg82DL6SE7) to submit any questions

Link:

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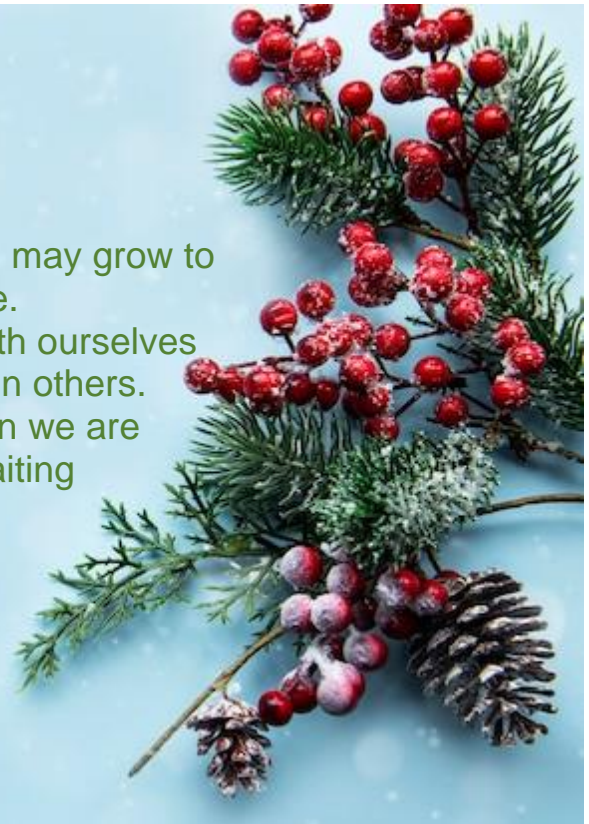
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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	Time	Item	Resource
1.0	7:00	Call to Order	A.Grella
2.0	7:02	Prayer Land Acknowledgement	A.Grella D. Legris
3.0	7:04	3.1 Roll Call 3.2 Approval of New Materials	A.Grella
4.0	7:06	Moment of Inspiration	L. Taylor and P. Evanoff
5.0	7:15	Approval of Agenda of December 11, 2023	A.Grella
6.0	7:16	Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2023	A.Grella
7.0	7:17	SEAC Report to Board Report 2023:10 – November 2023	A.Grella
8.0	7:18	Information Items 8.1 Board Meeting Date: December 19, 2023 8.2 SEAC question form responses 8.3 Curriculum Parent Guides LINK	A.Grella D. Candido E. Strano
9.0	7:19	Correspondence	A.Grella
10.0	7:20	Presentations/Discussions 10.1 PPM 140 Sustainability 10.2 Student Services updates	A.Cabraja D. Candido
11.0	8:10	Business Arising	A.Grella
12.0	8:11	Action Items	A.Grella
13.0	8:12	Association News 13.1 York Hills Winter Group Services	SEAC Representatives D. Legris
14.0	8:20	Items for Future Agenda Brew Crew Rare Disease Day PEP Presentation Vince's Supermarket	A.Grella
15.0	8:22	Next Meeting: January 15, 2024	A.Grella
16.0	8:25	Adjournment	A.Grella

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Show us your wisdom in time, that we may grow to
expect your action on time.
Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves
Make us receptive to your timing in others.
Help us to see the long view when we are
caught in the frustration of waiting

Amen.



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Land Acknowledgement by YCDSB's First Nations, Métis and Inuit Steering Committee adapted with PCS by Alana Miraglia and Elaine Marshal in collaboration with SLP Department

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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 **November 14, 2023** at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members: N. Byrne*, J. Gamboa*, A. Grella*, S. Gatti*, D. Legris *, J. Wigston, M. Xue
Association Representatives: M. Marcello*, C. Sandig*
Administration: A. Cabraja*, D. Candido, L. Lausic*, E. Strano*
Regrets: A. Connolly, N. Lai, J. Man, N. Welch
Recording: C. Mong*
Guests: Abby, *Parent*
Nicholas, *Parent*
Yunpeng, *Parent*
Francisco *, *Parent*
L. Marchetti, *Hearing Consultant, YCDSB*
N. Mikkelsen*, *ILIT Teacher, YCDSB*
F. Riley*, *Core Resource Teacher, YCDSB*
P. Woolcott*, *CTN Occupational Therapist, YCDSB*

*Denotes virtual attendance

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

2.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Superintendent of Education: Exceptional Learners to presided)

Nomination approved for SEAC Chair: Angela Grella

Nomination approved for SEAC Vice-Chair: Diane Legris

Approval of Terms of Reference: (Legris/Wigston)

3.0 Approval of New Material

Nil – No New Material

3.1 Roll Call

4.0 Moment of Inspiration

The presentation highlighted the success of a student who attends HST through Can Child's 6 F's: Family, Friends, Function, Fitness, Fun and Future

5.0 Approval of Agenda November 14, 2023

Motion– Agenda approved (Legris / Byrne)

6.0 Approval of the Minutes October 17, 2023

Motion - Minutes approved (Byrne / Wigston)

7.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2023:09 – October 2023

8.0 Information Items

- 8.1 Board Meeting Date**, *with note the upcoming regular Board meeting will take place November 28, 2023*
- 8.2 Student Service Inservices**
- 8.3 SEAC Christmas meeting at Eagle's Nest**
- 8.4 Update SEAC Resources**

Items 7.0-8.4 Received on Block – (Wigston / Legris)

9.0 Correspondence

10.0 Presentations / Discussions

10.1 Hearing Inservice Presentation

- In Service offered to classroom teachers working with deaf and hard of hearing students as well as Special education teachers who assist in supporting students with hearing loss. The objective was to understand hearing loss and its implications in the classroom, to provide participants with experiential learning opportunities, to discuss helpful teaching strategies, and hands on learning opportunities with classroom amplification

10.2 ILIT Presentation

- The ILIT and Core Resource Teacher shared resources accessible to parents.

10.3 Student Services Department updates

- Superintendent Candido presented a recap of programs and services delivered by the Student Services department over the last month.

11.0 Business Arising

Nil

12.0 Action Items

Nil

13.0 Association Reports

ABC: Annual General Meeting 2023 and SEAC Information Session will take place on Sunday, November 26th starting at 4pm at the Erin Meadows Community Center, Mississauga
Community Living: [E connector](#)

14.0 Items for Future Agendas

- RIAT Audit Report – Student Services
- Brew Crew
- PEP Presentation
- Sharing Resources for the community

15.0 Next Meeting: Monday December 11, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m at Eagle's Nest Golf Club

16.0 Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Meeting adjourned (Byrne / Gamboa)

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 2023: 10

To: Regular Board Meeting

November 28, 2023

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1. **ACTION ITEM(S):** NIL
2. **CORRESPONDENCE:** NIL
3. **PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS/INFORMATION:**
 - Hearing Inservice
 - ILIT Presentation
 - Student Services Department updates
4. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS:** NIL
5. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**
 - RIAT Audit Report (Student Services)
 - Brew Crew
6. **NEXT MEETING:** December 11, 2023

A. GRELLA, CHAIR, SEAC

Timestamp	Email Address	First Name	Last Name	Kindly submit your question below
11/9/2023 11:26:06				Hi, I am a parent of an junior elementary student in YCDSB school in Newmarket. I have realized that the St. Paul's CES gifted program are closed due to the low enrolment and starting 2023, students are allocated to the school in Richmond Hill. Georgina, East Gwillimbury, Newmarket is having fast population growth as many new development will be completed in near futures, however, for YCDSB, but the only elementary school for giftedness is cancelled. The students in those area could over 1 hour commute, or may have to give up the choice of registering PACE. Or they may decide to change school board due to proximity. There are still 2 High schools with AP for Newmarket, without an elementary school in York Region North, there can be a chance for fewer students feeding to those schools' AP Program? Would the school board consider reopening/relocating at least one Gifted program in YR North, given the fast demographic change in coming years?
11/11/2023 14:40:06				why does the board want to remove the AP multiplier and what is the goal by doing so?
11/13/2023 16:19:58				<p>1. In the report regarding AP multiplier, it was well-documented the process and rational of the multiplier, it is logic and well-balanced. Is it the administrator's suggestion to change this well-run policy or why this needs to be reviewed or changed?</p> <p>2. Calling students in AP program "advantaged" is rather not accurate. Different learning abilities make our students diverse, not everyone needs to pursue the same program, at the same time, an incentive to pursue a more difficult program justify the multiplier as the report stated, it has no further advantage as a result as students if in regular program would have had better grades as the contents are easier. The notion of "advantaged" students is concerning, and does the administrator share the same concern? or just the large social setting made us to wonder?</p> <p>3. As the end of report, which stage are we at in terms of consultation? Many teachers have told students of the end of multiplier. This will direct impact incoming students' choice of schools, especially PACE program students.</p>

PPM 140 Sustainability

2023-2024



2022/23 Review

- APT role was implemented in most elementary schools.
- STAR program implemented in number of elementary schools.
- Enhanced ABA for Educators training made mandatory for all APTs and 69 out of 72 teachers completed the training.



Training provided to APTs

APT Initial training

Reviewing role and responsibilities of the teacher. Scheduling and grouping of the students in the APT classroom.

STAR Program

Understanding and implementing teaching tools in order to support students accessing alternative academic programs.

Structured Work Systems

Understanding and implementing the environmental structure and visual supports to promote student independence.

Teach me a better way: Skill-based Behaviour Solutions

Understanding and applying supportive strategies that promote teaching and maintaining of new skills.



Training provided to APTs continue

Communicating Symbolically

Increasing communication opportunities and incorporating evidence-based augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) intervention strategies.

Sensory Processing in the school environment

Identifying sensory differences and exploring strategies that are used to address them.

Putting it all together

Providing a recap of all training session to help teachers to successfully use learned strategies and tools.

Enhanced ABA for Educators

Building core Autism and Applied Behaviour Analysis knowledge and strategies and putting it into practice.



2023/24 Training

- Star Program is made mandatory for all APTs and one CRT in the schools that do not have APT. There are 97 teachers trained.
- Special Education Consultants received STAR training in order to enable them to supporting teachers with the implementation.
- Two Year Training plan for EAs and SEIs in elementary panel will start on November 17, 2023.



EA/SEIs Training

Topics	Date and Location
The best practices for supporting autistic students Understanding the characteristics of ASD and practical implementation of Structured Work Systems.	November 17, 23 CEC
Star Program Understanding teaching methods used in the program and hands-on practice with materials in order to help maintain and support skill acquisition and maintenance.	January 19, 2024 CEC February 2, 2024 CEC
Supporting Student Success Solution-focused approach and applying supportive strategies that promote new skills and maintain learned skills	January 19, 2024 St. Paul and FHN February 2, 2024 St. Augustine and Fr. Bressani



After school program

All Fall and Spring Sessions will be offered in person

Following programs are offered in all geographic areas:

- **Social Explorers** for students in Grades 1- 4
- **Social Communication & Me** for students in Grades 5-8
- **Social Communication & Me** for students in Grades 9-12
- **Let's Make Friends** for students in Grades 1 - 4
- **Let's Make Friends** for students in Grades 5 - 8
- **Let's Make Friends** for students in Grades 9 - 12



Thank You





Hello,

We have released information on our Group Services for Winter 2024 (January-March). Please see our webinars and groups below. For the most accurate and updated information, you can access all our upcoming groups and webinars through the York Hills website.

Groups

<https://www.yorkhills.ca/services/group-services/>

Our website features the groups that are open to both internal clients of York Hills as well as the community. Participants must live in York Region.

Webinars

<https://www.yorkhills.ca/services/workshopsandwebinars/>

Webinars are open to everyone. Please register for any of our webinars through Eventbrite.

Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/york-hills-centre-for-children-youth-and-families-10725006171>



YCDSB SEAC Meeting Dates

2023-2024

September 18, 2023

October 16, 2023

November 13, 2023

December 11, 2023

January 15, 2024

February 12, 2024

March 4, 2024

April 8, 2024

May 6, 2024

June 17, 2024

Meeting date changes made in red



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