

# 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 **March 3, 2025** at **7:00 p.m.**

### PRESENT:

Committee Members: N. Byrne\*, A. Carter\*, C. Chan\*, A. Connolly\*, A. Grella, M. Iafrate\*,  
S. Leckey\*, J. Man\*, N. Welch\*, J. Wigston, M. Xue\*, Y. Zhou  
Association Representatives: J. Akleh\*, E. DiFalco  
Administration: A.Cabraja\*, L.Lausic\*, J. Powers, E. Strano  
Regrets: D. Legris  
Recording: C. Mong\*  
Guest Presenters: L. Ianes, Secondary Programs Consultant, YCDSB

\*Denotes virtual attendance

### CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE

#### 1.0 Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

#### 2.0 Roll Call

#### 3.0 Approval of New Material NIL

#### 4.0 Approval of Agenda March 3, 2024 **Motion**– Agenda approved (Byrne / Wigston)

#### 5.0 Approval of the Previous Minutes **Motion** - Minutes approved (Byrne / Welch)

#### 6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes NIL

#### 7.0 SEAC Report to Board **Motion** – Report Received (Byrne / Welch)

#### 8.0 Moment of Inspiration

*This moment of inspiration highlights the Valentine's Day Celebration with secondary students across YCDSB's Best Buddies program. This event was a huge success due to the generous support of the Senior Team, Trustees and OECTA. Everyone deserves a friend.*

#### 9.0 Presentations / Discussions

##### 9.1 Bocce Tournament

- YCDSB is celebrating 18 years of bocce play. Under the supervision of Special Education Teachers and Education workers, teams from all YCDSB high schools participated in the sport. This year approximately 180 YCDSB students participated in an east and a west tournament. The winning teams are advancing to the regional tournament in March. Save the date: March 21, 2025 from 9:30am – 12:30pm at the Amesbury Sports Complex. There will be 8 teams from YCDSB.

9.2 Student Services Monthly Update

- Superintendent Powers presented a recap of programs and services delivered by the Student Services department over the last month, see page 3.

**10.0 Action Item(s)**

Nil

**11.0 Discussion Item(s)**

Nil

**13.0 Information Item(s)**

**12.1 SEAC Meeting Dates**

**12.2 Dyslexia Canada – Impact of Cutting Reading Intervention**

Superintendent Powers will provide a response at an upcoming meeting.

**12.3 Association News**

Autism ON: Celebrate the Spectrum on April 2025, Report Card Project

Community Living: E- Connector

LDAYS: Upcoming Programs & Workshops

**Items Received** (Byrne / Welch)

**14.0 Future Item(s)**

Nil

**15.0 Next Meeting: Monday April 7, 2025 @ 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 7:47 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned (Byrne / Xue)

## 9.2 Student Services Monthly Update

### **Elementary Special Education:**

We continue to onboard RISE our special education platform and address the growing pains to ensure the process becomes seamless. Last week we trained additional educators and administrators new to their roles.

Special Education Program Consultants have been holding drop- in sessions twice a week to assist teachers with Special Education forms and Individual Education Plans.

The second stage of our PACE screening is almost complete and parents will be receiving reports after March break. Letters of Offer for students who meet criteria for the PACE program starting in September will be sent out shortly after the reports.

We look forward to welcoming new candidates and families at our Information Evening scheduled for April 2nd at each of our PACE Schools.

The after school Social Communication program Fall session is now completed. The program was provided to 76 students in both panels. We are now getting ready for the Spring session that will start at the end of March.