

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A regular meeting was held on **April 20, 2015** 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, T. Ciaravella, C. Ferlisi, D. Legris, C. Newton, O. Oloya, A. Simonetta, H. Sirola, P. Whittam
ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES:	F. DiMarco, R. Dunn, D. Flynn
ADMINISTRATION:	A. Cabraja, T. D'Acunto, G. Galloro, C. Leger
REGRETS:	K. Amenta, T. McNicol, B. Sheppard, T. Sergnese, S. Turin
RECORDING:	C. Brinias
GUESTS:	C. Bryden, student E. Morgillo, Alternate for Autism Ontario

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

2.0 **Prayer** – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for **April 20, 2015**

Motion – Revised Agenda approved.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes **March 23, 2015**

Motion – Minutes approved

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report **2015:03** was distributed and received by committee.

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda

March 24, 2015 agenda was distributed and received by committee.

6.2 Student Services: Summary of In-Services Calendar

Inservices for **April 2015** were distributed

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Thames Valley District School Board – March 11, 2015

7.2 Northeastern Catholic District School Board – March 17, 2015

7.3 Upper Grand District School Board – February 11, 2015

7.4 Minutes to Minister's Advisory Council of Special Education – Feb 4 & 5, 2015

8.0 Presentations/Discussions

8.1 Special Needs Strategy

Cathy Booth, Speech and Language Services Supervisor provided a comprehensive Special Needs Strategy Update. See PowerPoint presentation & handouts. SEAC members submitted their feedback by completing Special Needs Strategy Feedback template.

8.2 Creating Pathways to Success: An Education and Career / Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools

Carlos Sousa, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Assessments introduced Creating Pathways to Success where students are at the center of their own learning and architects of their own lives. See PowerPoint presentation.

8.3 Succession Planning

Paul Whittam discussed succession planning with SEAC members. He intends to step down next year.

9.0 Business Arising

9.1 Special Education Plan – Draft

Special Education Plan with amendments was distributed to all SEAC Members. SEAC members to provide feedback by May 15, 2015 to Carmela Brinias. Endorsement from SEAC to take place at May 20, 2015 SEAC meeting.

9.2 Draft EA Policy & Procedures – April 29 feedback deadline

SEAC Members to provide feedback by Wednesday, April 29, 2015 to Carmela Brinias. Send updated document to SEAC Members by May 15, 2015. Policy and procedures to be endorsed at the May 20, 2015 meeting.

9.3 Special Education Budget Update 2015 – 2016

Paul Whittam shared the information presented at the SEAC Budget Subcommittee.

10.0 Action Items

11.0 Association Reports

11.1 Down Syndrome Association will have a booth at the Transition Symposium taking place at St. Elizabeth CHS from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

11.2 Kinark Child and Family Services - May 4 to 11 is Mental Health Week

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

12.1 Special Education Operational Review – May 2015

12.2 Mental Health Update – May 2015

12.3 Student Presentations – June 2015

12.4 Special Education Budget – June 2015

13.0 Next Meeting: May 20, 2015 @ Catholic Education Center in Boardroom at 7:00 p.m.

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 9:10 p.m.