

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

MINUTES of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A regular meeting was held on **April 5, 2017** at Catholic Education Centre located at 320 Bloomington Road West, Ontario commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members:	H. Adams, C. Amenta, S. Boswick, E. Chan, S. Gatti, D. Legris, T. McNicol, E. Morgillo, S. Suppa
Association Representatives:	R. Dunn-Gibson, P. Dignard, D. Flynn
Administration:	A. Cabraja, J. Fragnelli, G. Galloro, T. D'Acunto,
Regrets:	M. Battista, K. Bryden, F. DiMarco, B. Sheppard, T. Ciaravella, C. Ferlisi, G. Galloro
Recording:	C. Brinias
Guests:	N. Lai, Parent, St. Patrick CES, Markham D. Valentini, AQ Student from Niagara University M. Hunter, Autism Ontario J. MacMillian, Community Living Central York

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for **April 5, 2017**

Motion – Agenda approved (Amenta / Legris)

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes **March 6, 2017**

Motion – Minutes approved (Gatti / Boswick)

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2017:03 – **March 6, 2017**

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda – **March 28, 2017**

6.2 Student Services In-Service Calendar – **April 2017**

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Bluewater District School Board

8.0 Presentations / Discussions

8.1 The Teaching & Generalization of Communication, Social and Play Skills in Students with ASD

- Angie Cabraja, ASD Coordinator, Cathy Booth, Supervisor of Speech & Language Services, and I Ching Lu, Speech Language Pathologist - ASD Team provided an overview of the program including results and next steps.

8.2 SEAC Goal Update

- SEAC chair provided an updated
 - Seek opportunities for YPIC and SEAC to collaborate
- SEAC Budget Subcommittee
 - Establish meeting to determine date for SEAC Budget Presentation

9.0 Business Arising

9.1 Special Education Plan Revisions

- April 30, 2017 Special Education Plan Feedback due to Carmela Brinias
- May 8, 2017 Approval of Special Education Plan by SEAC
- June 5, 2017 Special Education Plan goes to Board for approval
- July 15, 2017 Special Education Plan submission to Ministry

9.2 Maple Family of Schools Annual Gathering is taking place on May 10, 2017 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School.

- SEAC representative, Cathy Amenta, Community Living Central York, will attend to man SEAC Booth and distribute SEAC brochures.

10.0 Action Items

11.0 Association Reports

- **Learning Disabilities Association** of York Region's Summer Camp registration is now open for July and August 2017. The Annual Conference on Connected Parenting Strategies is on April 26th 2017. See attached Flyers For more information or to register contact: Stephanie Gatti at 905-884-7933 ext. 24 or programs@ldayr.org
- **Community Living York South** – Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Information presentation being offered at Markham Village Library on April 20, 2017 from 10 am to 12 noon. See flyers attached in English and Chinese showing registration details.
- **Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District is now Community Living Central York**
As the areas surrounding Newmarket and Aurora are expanding, the need in the community for developmental services is also expanding. To be inclusive of all the areas supported by Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District (Newmarket/Aurora/East Gwillimbury/Whitchurch-Stouffville), our agency is in the midst of re-branding to Community Living Central York.
Urgent Home Supports Initiative
In partnership with Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)/York Support Services Network (YSSN), Community Living Central York will be enhancing family supports by launching a one year pilot project, "Urgent Home Supports". This initiative aims to provide short term (3-4 months), in-home supports to assist families who are on waitlist for services in York Region and are in crisis. The focus of the initiative is on transitional aged youth, however, applications from all families experiencing crisis will be considered. Our goal is to stabilize and improve the living conditions of families who remain on service waitlists. We will provide desperately needed supports and access to resources, in the hopes of extending the living arrangement, until suitable service options become available. The "Urgent Home Support" initiative is currently accepting applications from families and referrals from community agencies. This initiative was made possible through a Seed Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.
For more information please contact Jasmine MacMillan at 905-898-3000 x 230 or email via jasmine.macmillan@clnad.com.

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

12.1 EQAO Results for Literacy & Math – May 8, 2017

12.2 Student Presentations – June 5, 2017

13.0 Next Meeting: May 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Catholic Education Center,
320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 p.m. (McNicol / Morgillo)