



**YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Monday, June 8, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

320 Bloomington Rd. West, Aurora, ON. L4G 0M1

Questions? Please complete this form to submit any questions

Land Acknowledgement:

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Pages

1. OPENING PRAYER

Loving God,

As we begin this month of June, we thank You for the privilege of working in education. Bless all who teach, lead, support, and care for students each day.

Grant us wisdom in our decisions, patience in our work, and encouragement as we approach the end of the academic year. May this meeting be productive, collaborative, and guided by a shared commitment to helping others learn and grow.

Amen.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

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7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

8. MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

8.a Through our eyes: 2 Students 2 experiences
Presented by: S. Game and C. Weber

9. PRESENTATIONS

9.a Mental Health Department Year End Review
Link

Presented by M. Prinzo

9.b Special Education Plan - Finalize

9.c Student Services Department Update
Presented by: J. Powers

- 10. **ACTION ITEM(S)**
- 11. **DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**
- 12. **INFORMATION ITEM(S)**
 - 12.a SEAC Meeting Dates 2026-2027 7
 - 12.b York Hills - Summer Programs and Webinars 8
 - Groups (FALL 2026) -No Groups offered over July/August
 - <https://www.yorkhills.ca/services/group-services/>
 - Our website will feature the groups that are open to both internal clients of York Hills as well as the community. Participants must live in York Region.
 - Webinars (SUMMER 2026)
 - <https://www.yorkhills.ca/services/workshopsandwebinars/>
 - Webinars are open to everyone.
 - 12.c Easter Seals June Report 9
- 13. **NOTICES OF MOTION**
- 14. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**
- 15. **NEXT MEETING**
 - September 14, 2026 at 6:30pm
- 16. **ADJOURNMENT**

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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

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
of the **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: J. Sarna, S. Leckey, A. Connolly, M. Xue , M. Bujan, D. Legris,
L. La Rosa

Absent with Notice: N.Welch, M. Rennie, J. Man, A. Carter, S. Carnovale Y. Zhou

Administration: J. Powers, L. Cippollone, L. Lausic

Recording Officer: C. Mong

Guest(s): K. Scanlon

- 1. OPENING PRAYER**
- 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL**
THAT the new material be approved as presented.
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
Moved by: D. Legris
Seconded by: A. Connolly
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):**
Moved by: A. Connolly
Seconded by: D. Legris
THAT the Minutes of April 13, 2026, be approved as presented.
- 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

8. MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

8.1 Secondary Students Best Buddies Dance

This moment of inspiration highlights the annual Best Buddies Dinner Dance for secondary students with 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. PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Special Education Budget

Financial Planning Manager Scanlon highlighted the Special Education budget process, including the education funding formula and Special Education grants.

9.2 Post Secondary Accessibility Fair

On March 24, 2026, YCDSB in collaboration with YRDSB hosted the Post Secondary Accessibility Fair. The Post Secondary Accessibility Fair is part of the many initiatives which came out of the Ministry inquiry regarding accessibility transitions for students with disabilities in K-12 to the workforce, the community and post-secondary education. All the recommendations made and ultimately executed were intended to identify and remove barriers that students with disabilities experience during transition. This year, the featured speaker was Alexandra Bosco from the Regional Assessment and Resource Center from Queen's university who is the author of the Transition Resource guide. All families were provided access to our Accessibility Modules for Post Secondary and a link to the Transition Resource Guide for students with disabilities.

9.3 Transition Planning Symposium

The Life After High School Transition Planning Symposium was born out of a Ministry Inquiry. All the recommendations made and executed were intended to identify and remove barriers that students with disabilities experience during transition. This year our symposium was another great success, in addition to our community partners, we added a guest speaker from Partners from Planning (P4P) Planning Network.

9.4 Student Services Monthly Department Update

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

10. ACTION ITEM(S)

11. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

12. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

12.1 Special Education Plan Review

Members are asked to review and share any feedback.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

14.1 Special Education Plan

14.2 Mental Health Department Year end Review

15. NEXT MEETING

16. ADJOURNMENT

7:20pm

Moved by: D. Legris

Seconded by: M. Bujan

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



YCDSB SEAC Meeting Dates

2026-2027

September 14, 2026

October 19, 2026

November 9, 2026

December 7, 2026

January 11, 2027

February 8, 2027

March 8, 2027

April 12, 2027

May 10, 2027

June 7, 2027

Meeting date changes made in red



Learning Together in Christ
Engaging, Enabling, Empowering



Summer 2026

WEBINARS

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Join us this summer for free, virtual webinars designed to support you with practical strategies and everyday tools to help your child thrive.



FEATURED SESSION

UNDERSTANDING & MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS



July 23, 2026



6:30 – 8:30 PM

TRIPLE P[®] PARENTING SEMINARS

#1

THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING



July 22, 2026



12:00 – 1:30 PM

#2

RAISING CONFIDENT, CAPABLE CHILDREN



July 29, 2026



12:00 – 1:30 PM

#3

RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN



August 5, 2026



12:00 – 1:30 PM

#4

HELPING CHILDREN DEVELOP HEALTHY SCREENTIME



August 12, 2026



12:00 – 1:30 PM



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[York Hills Webinars](#)



Special Education Advisory Committee Association Update

Association: Easter Seals Ontario

Date: June 2026

Key Updates

- Easter Seals Ontario (ESO) June focus is on
 - National Accessibility Week (May 31 to June 6) and
 - Red Shirt Day (June 3).
- June 3, 2026 - SEAC members and staff are invited to wear red on June 3.
- Sunday, May 31, 2026 - Easter Seals National AccessAbility Week Kick-off and Red Shirt Day Walk took place on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at the Newmarket Riverwalk Commons (200 Doug Duncan Dr). The 50th and final Easter Seals Run, Walk and Roll event included a 10K/5K run and a 5K walk through the accessible Tom Taylor Trail and Fairy Lake Park system.
- June 6, 2026 – AccessFest 2026.
 - David Pecaut Square – A day of festivities that celebrate the disability community through arts, music, poetry, and more.
 - This is a space to celebrate, to advocate, and to activate for disability inclusion. A space built on joy, community, and the belief that a better, more accessible future is not only possible, but already in motion.
- Easter Seals Ontario Annual General Meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 4:30p.m.** Open to public to register for a virtual seat by May 29, 2026.
- Applications for ESO summer camp remain open for the 2026 season. Camping sessions are open for individual campers, families of children and youth with physical disabilities, and for young adults age 20 to 36 years.
- Future Initiatives: Red Shirt Day and Accessibility Presentations by Easter Seals Ontario available to individual schools and events. Please ask ESO SEAC Representatives – Jeffrey Man and Michelle Bujan.