

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 **February 12, 2018** 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, K. Bryden, E. Chan, T. Ciaravella, C. Ferlisi, S. Gatti, D. Legris, S. Suppa,
Association Representatives:	P. Dignard, F. DiMarco, E. DiFalco, D. Flynn
Administration:	M. Battista, A. Cabraja, T. D'Acunto, J. Fragnelli, L. Lausic,
Regrets:	E. Morgillo, B. Sheppard, B. Smith, S. Trozzo
Recording:	C. Brinias
Guests:	C. Bestvater, Seneca College, Social Work Practicum Student E. Cheung, York University, Social Work Practicum Student

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer

3.0 Approval of Agenda February 12, 2018 Motion – Agenda approved (Legris / Boswick)

4.0 Approval of the Minutes Approval of Minutes **January 15, 2018** Motion – Minutes approved (Gatti / Suppa)

5.0 SEAC Report to Board Report 2017:01 – **January 15, 2018**

6.0 Information Items

- 7.1 Board Agenda – January 30, 2018
- 7.2 Student Services In-Service Calendar – **February 2018**

7.0 Correspondence

- 8.1 Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

8.0 Presentations / Discussions

- 8.1 **Community Support Program & Employment Services**
Yathu Thanabalasingam, Community Support Coordinator and Stanley Cheung, Outcome Employment Coordinator provided a presentation on the services available to youth in York Region. **See PowerPoint presentation attached.**

8.2 2018 Terms of Reference

- SEAC members provided updates to SEAC Terms of Reference

Motion:

SEAC endorses the amendments to the terms of reference presented and RECOMMENDS THAT the Amendments to the Terms of Reference be received by the Board. (Ciaravella / Amenta)

8.3 Student Transportation Consultation

- SEAC members finalized the Student Transportation Consultation feedback to the Ministry of Education. Ministry released the "Discussion Paper on a New Vision for Student Transportation in Ontario". The purpose of the discussion paper is to guide the exploration of policy options to enhance the quality and effectiveness of student transportation.
- Next Steps: Chair and Co-Chair to draft a cover letter to accompany transportation feedback which is due on February 15, 2018

8.4 SEAC Goals Update

- Forward questions for the Ministry of Education, Finance Branch prior to their presentation at the March 2018 SEAC Meeting.

9.0 Business Arising

10.0 Action Items

11.0 Association Reports

Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region upcoming programs & events (see attached flyers): LDAYR Annual Conference Finding the Right Balance – Feb 28th, March Break Camp – March 12-16th, HIGH Five Principles of Healthy Child Development Training – March 24th. For more information or to register, contact LDAYR at: 905-884-7933 ext. 24 or info@ldayr.org.

York Support Services Network

On Thurs March 8, 2018 YSSN is hosting a Community Support Information Session from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the YSSN Aurora Location, 240 Edward St., Unit 3, Aurora. Mackenzie Health Centre for Behaviour Health Sciences, Central Local Health Integration Network (CCAC) and CHAP Registry/Respiteservices.com will be presenting. Centre for Behaviour Health Sciences Behaviour Clinic will discuss their eligibility criteria and referral process, as well as, the bio, psycho, social model and how it pertains to clients with an intellectual disability. Individuals will learn how to cope with challenging situations, determine a crisis and establish whether behaviour can be explained. Participants will also learn some basic safety strategies and what to do if a situation escalates. Central Local Health Integration Network (CCAC) will discuss supports and services available, as well as, their eligibility criteria and referral process for both adults and children. Learn about funded services available for children and adults with various diagnoses and/or presenting medical issues. CHAP Registry/Respiteservices.com will teach participants how to hire their own respite worker (without using an agency), and register and navigate, the CHAP Registry through respiteservices.com. Families can register by March 1, 2018 online at www.yssn.ca under the events tab.

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

- Student Presentation: Update on his Journey – March 5, 2018
- Ministry Budget Presentation – March 5, 2018
- SEAC Budget Presentation – March 5, 2018
- Leadership Gym Class – April 9, 2018
- Kinark Child and Family Services Presentation – April 9, 2018
- Autism Ontario Presentation – April 9, 2018
- School Climate Survey and the Exit Survey – May 7, 2018

13.0 Next Meeting: March 5, 2018 at Catholic Education Center in the boardroom at 7:00 p.m., 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario.

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. (Ciaravella / Boswick)