

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A regular meeting was held on **February 8, 2016** at Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 0M1 commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members: H. Adams, K. Amenta, S. Boswick, K. Bryden, T. Ciaravella, S. Gatti, A. Infusino-Simonetta, D. Legris, E. Morgilio, T. McNicol (via teleconference), C. Newton, P. Whittam

Association Representatives: P. Dignard, L. Ciccone, A. Rubino

Administration: O. Oloya, A. Cabraja, T. D'Acunto, G. Galloro, C. Leger

Regrets: F. DiMarco, C. Ferlisi, B. Sheppard

Recording: C. Brinias

Guests:

L. Abas, Parent	E. DiFalco, OECTA	E. Longbohan, OECTA
M. Abas, Student, St. Maximillian Kolbe CHS	R. Di Pede, Core Resource Teacher, St. Gregory the Great CES	M. Luccon, EA, St. Maximillian Kolbe, CHS
M. Arista, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Student Services Department	N. DiNardo, LTO, St. Joan of Arc CHS	H. Manassis, OECTA
M. Boglieni, Core Resource Teacher, St. Edward CES	R. Dunn, OECTA	E. Miceli-Bush, Consultant, Student Services Department
G. Bolton, OECTA	F. Ferraro, OECTA	E. Norris, CEC
P. Bucci, Consultant, Student Services Department	M. Fentauzzi, Our Lady of Annunciation CES	M. Novella, Vision Teacher, Student Services Department
S. Buffa, OECTA	J. Fragnelli, Consultant, Student Services Department	J. Paulety, OECTA
L. Cappello, Consultant, Student Services Department	D. Graham, Hearing Program Student Services Department	M. Totten, OECTA
J. Ceci, Teacher, St. Maximillian Kolbe CHS	L. Grisonid, Core Resource Teacher, St. Gregory the Great CES	K. Tuddy-Smith, Hearing Program, Student Services Department
J. D'Aquila-Kelly, Hearing Program, Student Services Department	A. Goc, Vision Program, Student Services Department	S. Vert, Hearing Program, Student Services Department
N. De Castro, OECTA	L. Ianes, Consultant, CEC	E. Watters, Consultant, Student Services Department
P. Delmore Ko, Psychologist, Student Services Department	B. Kawasoe, Consultant	C. Weber, Vision Teacher, Student Services Department
	M. Lacasse, Psychologist, Student Services Department	L. Ziraldo, Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for **January 11, 2016**

Motion – Agenda approved (T Chiaravella / C. Newton)

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes **December 7, 2015**

Motion – Minutes approved (T. Ciaravella / P. Whittam)

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2016:01 – January 19, 2016 (P. Whittam / C. Newton)

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda – January 26, 2016

6.2 Student Services In-Service Calendar for February 2016

7.0 Correspondence

8.0 Presentations/Discussions

8.1 Special Education Overview

Mr. Tony Dias, Senior Policy Advisor, Special Education Policy and Programs Branch and Ms. Lisa Lumley, Manager Strategic Planning Unit provided an overview of the new funding formula for the Special Education Grant.

See PowerPoint presentation attached.

8.2 Special Education Budget Discussions – Revised Estimate Update

Jackie Porter, Senior Manager of Budget & Audit Services, outlined the revised estimate update for revenue, expenditures, and 2016 – 2017 budget estimates.

9.0 Business Arising

9.1 Approved Draft Policy 604 Child Care & Consultation Form

SEAC to submit feedback forms to carmela.brinias@ycdsb.ca.

10.0 Action Items

10.1 SEAC Budget Subcommittee Meeting – March 7, 2016 @ 5:30 pm

Members: Paul Whittam, Kathy Bryden, Theresa McNicol

Send a message to carmela.brinias@ycdsb.ca if interested in joining subcommittee meeting.

10.2 SEAC to address Board of Trustee on March 29, 2016

Carmela Brinias to notify Board administrator

11.0 Association Reports

Learning Disabilities Association is hosting its annual conference for parents, students and educators on March 1, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at YCDSB Catholic Education Centre. The purpose of the evening is to provide parents with relevant information and skills on mindfulness and how it can benefit students with LDs. In addition, we will examine how social and emotional competencies can be supported through mindfulness.

Cost: \$10 LDAYR members \$15 Non-LDAYR members.

For more information or to register: Phone: 905-884-7933 x 23 Email: info@ldayr.org

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

12.1 Special Education Funding Formula Discussion and Response to the Ministry

12.2 Parent Council Presentation regarding building awareness of SEAC and its mandate.

13.0 Next Meeting: March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Center, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1

13.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made (T. McNicol / P. Whittam)
Meeting adjourned: 9:30 p.m.