

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 **May 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, C. Ferlisi, S. Gatti, D. Legris, C. Newton, T. Sergnese, A. Simonetta, P. Whittam
ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES:	E. DiFalco, F. DiMarco, D. Flynn, S. Turrin
ADMINISTRATION:	T. D'Acunto, A. Cabraja, G. Galloro, C. Leger, M. Battista
REGRETS:	K. Amenta, K. Bryden, T. Ciaravella, T. McNicol, B. Shepperd
RECORDING:	C. Brinias
GUESTS:	A. Wilkinson, Special Education Consultant, Hearing L. Girardo, Teacher
	BOCCE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS:
	M. Pang, B. Hall, A. Tang, C. Lai, N. Vetere, S. Faieta
	E. Coen, W. dePaulsen, A. Jaeger, L. McConnell, A. Levidis
	J. Lyn-Whittaker, D. Tam, Justina Tse, T. Walker, M. Biadi
	D. Chen-See, J. Go, J. Mak, J. Szto, Y. Martin, M. Gurunlian

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for **June 15, 2015**

Motion – Revised Agenda approved.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes **May 20, 2015**

Motion – Minutes approved

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report **2015:05** was distributed and received by committee.

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda

May 26, 2015 agenda was distributed and received by committee.

6.2 Student Services: Summary of In-Services Calendar

Inservices for **June 2015** were distributed

7.0 Correspondence

- 7.1 Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
- 7.2 Near North District School Board

8.0 Presentations/Discussions

8.1 International Bocce Tournament

Special Olympics International Bocce Tournament participants from Jean Vanier, Sacred Heart, St. Brother Andre, and St. Roberts were recognized for their participation and efforts.

8.2 Yes I Can Awards

Gemma Galloro, Coordinator of Special Programs (Secondary) acknowledged the winners of the "Yes I Can Awards".

8.3 Transition from Secondary to Post Secondary

Adele Wilkinson, Special Education Consultant, Hearing and Luigi Girardo, Teacher shared a success story of Laura Girardo, 2nd year RTA: School of Media attending Ryerson University winner of the Marci Ien and Dwight Drummon Award.

8.4 Special Education Budget

Paul Whittam, Chair provided an overview of the presentation he presented at the Board of Trustees on May 26, 2015.

9.0 Business Arising

- 9.1 SEAC Meeting Dates 2015 – 2016 were distributed to members. See attached.

10.0 Action Items

11.0 Association Reports

11.1 Learning Associations Association

The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region has received a grant to be able to support students in their transition into post-secondary. Please help us circulate The Summer Institute for Youth (17-19 years old) with Learning Disabilities and / or ADHD.

- 11.2 York Support Service Network offering free mindfulness sessions to individuals with developmental disabilities. Flyer attached.

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

- 12.1 Special Education Operational Review

13.0 Next Meeting: September 16, 2015 @ Catholic Education Center in Boardroom at 7:00 p.m.

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: p.m. 8:15 p.m.