

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A regular meeting was held on **June 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, K. Byrden, T. Ciaravella, , C. Ferlisi, S. Boswick, C. Lee, S. Gatti, D. Legris, E. Morgillo, S. Suppa
Association Representatives:	R. Dunn-Gibson, P. Dignard, F. DiMarco
Administration:	T. D'Acunto, A. Cabraja, J. Fragnelli, G. Galloro, O. Oloyo
Regrets:	D. Flynn, B. Sheppard, T. McNicol
Recording:	C. Brinias
Guests:	S. Liarakos, Parent D. Lileikis, Teacher Candidate, UOIT J. Man, Parent

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for **June 5, 2017**
Motion – Agenda approved (Amenta / Legris)

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes **May 8, 2017**
Motion – Minutes approved (Gatti / Boswick)

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2017:04 – **May 8, 2017**

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda – **May 23, 2017 and May 30, 2017**
6.2 Student Services In-Service Calendar – No inservices for May 2017

7.0 Correspondence

8.0 Presentations / Discussions

8.1 Meaningful Accommodations

Stacie Christie, Supervisor of Physical Management Services introduced Jeffrey Man a Grade 12 student from St. Theresa Lisieux CHS who spoke about how Special Education accommodations supported his academic success.

8.2 A Speech About My Learning Disability

Sandra Marrone, Classroom Teacher introduced Amelia Liarakios a Grade 5 student from St. Joseph CES, Richmond Hill who spoke about her experience as a student with a learning disability.

8.3 Opportunities for Inclusion with your Best Buddies Club

Alana Miraglia, Susan Deigham, and Valerie Hallman-Roth, Classroom Teachers introduced Holly Allen a Grade 12 student from St. Maximillian Kolbe CHS who spoke about the initiative of organization a semi-formal event for students in the Best Buddies Club at public and catholic schools within York Regions. **See PowerPoint Presentation.**

8.4 Artistic Expression of Hearing Loss

Karen Tutty-Smith, Hearing Consultant introduced Jessica Romeo a Grade 12 student from the Holy Cross Hearing Program Centre who expressed her hearing loss in an artistic graphic design. **Artistic Expression is attached.**

8.5 Special Education Budget Update

Jackie Porter, Coordinating Manager of Audit & Budget Services provided a 2017-18 Special Education Budget Update.

8.6 SEAC Goals Update

SEAC Chair reviewed 2016-17 accomplishments and next steps for 2017-18.

9.0 Business Arising

- Special Education Cost Reduction Measures

10.0 Action Items

11.0 Association Reports

- Community Living York South – See Summer Camp flyers attached

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

- Monthly Special Education Student Presentations
- Encourage Parents to join Parent Council Group

13.0 Next Meeting: September 18, 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 9:15 p.m. (Ferlisi / Ciaravella)