

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 **June 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, K. Bryden, S. Boswick, T. Ciaravella, J. Deakin, C. Ferlisi, S. Gatti, D. Legris, T. McNicol, C. Newton, A. Simonetta, P. Whittam
Association Representatives:	L. Ciccone, D. Flynn, P. Dignard, F. Di Marco
Administration:	T. D'Acunto, A. Cabraja, J. Fragnelli, G. Galloro
Regrets:	M. Battista, B. Sheppard
Recording:	C. Brinias
Guests:	Amina Aumeer, Grade 12, St. Theresa of Lisieux Student Elaine Barker, Teacher – Hearing Center Filippo Dambrosio, Grade 3, Divine Mercy CES Mary & Mike Dambrosio, Parents Isabella & Matteo Dambrosio, Divine Mercy CES Julia Dambrosio, Grandparent Sarah Ann Dambrosio Supriya Mutharasan - Grade 11, St. Roberts CHS Lisa Santilly, Teacher – Hearing Center Lisa Schiafone, Teacher – Hearing Center Laura Girardi, Ryerson University, Former YCDSB Student Barbara & Peter Whitaker, Grandparents

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer – K. Bryden

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for **June 8, 2016**

Motion – Agenda approved

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes **May 11, 2016**

Motion – Minutes approved

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2016:05 – May 11, 2016

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda – May 31, 2016

6.2 Student Services In-Service Calendar for June & August 2016

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 District School Board of Niagara

8.0 Presentations/Discussions

8.1 Meaningful Accommodations

- Stacie Christie, Occupational Therapy Supervisor introduced Amina Amenta, Grade 12 student at St. Teresa of Lisieux. Amina Aumeer shared her experiences and accommodations within the school system.

8.2 Vision Department Student Presentations

Maria Novelli, Vision Resource Teacher introduced two presentations demonstrating tools used by students with vision impairment.

- **Notability** – Supriya Mutharasan, Grade 11, St. Roberts CHS presented the Notability tool being used by students with vision impairments.
- **Dancing Dots** – A Braille Music Program video was presented by Mathew Cabraja.

8.3 Hearing Department Student Presentations

- Kathy Tutty-Smith, Hearing Consultant, introduced the following speakers demonstrating hearing support tools within the schools.
- **Classroom Accommodations for Students with Hearing Loss** Video was presented by Laura Garofalo, Hearing Teacher, Holy Cross Hearing Center demonstrating classroom experiences of 4 students in the hearing program.
- **IPAD Apps for Deaf Education** was presented by Angie Ong, Itinerant Hearing Teacher showed the tools used by teachers and students.
- **Importance of Self-advocacy at the Post-Secondary Level** was presented by Laura Girardo, a former graduate attending Ryerson University.
- **What I Do Best** was presented by Filippo Dambrosio, grade 3 student from Divine Mercy Hearing Center shared with us his skills and talents.

8.4 Budget Update

- Paul Whittam provided a summary of the SEAC Budget Presentation given to the Board of Trustees on May 31, 2016.

9.0 Business Arising

9.1 Acknowledgements

- Paul Whittam – SEAC Chair from 2001 to 2015
- Cenza Newton – SEAC Co-chair from 2011 to 2015

9.2 Provincial Schools Update

- Provincial School Communication Follow-up regarding school closures. We currently do not have any students with learning disabilities from our school board attending provincial schools. We have students attending W. Ross Macdonald and E.C. Drury Schools.

9.3 2016 – 2017 SEAC Meeting Dates – Revised

10.0 Action Items

11.0 Association Reports

11.1 The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

- LDAYR will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary on September 26, 2016. Please see attached flyer and save the date card for more details. We are looking for '40 Stories of Learning Disabilities to share within the 40 days leading up to the Anniversary. Anyone who is interested in participating, please contact our main office.
- Summer 2016 Programs and Workshops are now open, see attached flyers for registration details.

11.2 York Support Services Network (YSSN) provides resource days for families who have a relative with a developmental disability living in York Region. See flyer attached.

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

13.0 Next Meeting: September 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Boardroom at the Catholic Education Center, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made (Ciaravella/Whittam/Newton)
Meeting adjourned: 9:00 p.m.