

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: J. Sarna, S. Leckey, A. Connolly, M. Xue , M. Bujan, D. Legris,
L. La Rosa

Absent with Notice: N.Welch, M. Rennie, J. Man, A. Carter, S. Carnovale Y. Zhou

Administration: J. Powers, L. Cippollone, L. Lausic

Recording Officer: C. Mong

Guest(s): K. Scanlon

- 1. OPENING PRAYER**
- 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL**
THAT the new material be approved as presented.
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
Moved by: D. Legris
Seconded by: A. Connolly
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):**
Moved by: A. Connolly
Seconded by: D. Legris
THAT the Minutes of April 13, 2026, be approved as presented.
- 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

8. MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

8.1 Secondary Students Best Buddies Dance

This moment of inspiration highlights the annual Best Buddies Dinner Dance for secondary students with across YCDSB's Best Buddies program. This event was a huge success due to the generous support of the Senior Team, Trustees and OECTA. Everyone deserves a friend!

9. PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Special Education Budget

Financial Planning Manager Scanlon highlighted the Special Education budget process, including the education funding formula and Special Education grants.

9.2 Post Secondary Accessibility Fair

On March 24, 2026, YCDSB in collaboration with YRDSB hosted the Post Secondary Accessibility Fair. The Post Secondary Accessibility Fair is part of the many initiatives which came out of the Ministry inquiry regarding accessibility transitions for students with disabilities in K-12 to the workforce, the community and post-secondary education. All the recommendations made and ultimately executed were intended to identify and remove barriers that students with disabilities experience during transition. This year, the featured speaker was Alexandra Bosco from the Regional Assessment and Resource Center from Queen's university who is the author of the Transition Resource guide. All families were provided access to our Accessibility Modules for Post Secondary and a link to the Transition Resource Guide for students with disabilities.

9.3 Transition Planning Symposium

The Life After High School Transition Planning Symposium was born out of a Ministry Inquiry. All the recommendations made and executed were intended to identify and remove barriers that students with disabilities experience during transition. This year our symposium was another great success, in addition to our community partners, we added a guest speaker from Partners from Planning (P4P) Planning Network.

9.4 Student Services Monthly Department Update

Superintendent Powers presented a recap of programs and services delivered by the Student Services department over the last month.

10. ACTION ITEM(S)

11. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

12. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

12.1 Special Education Plan Review

Members are asked to review and share any feedback.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

14.1 Special Education Plan

14.2 Mental Health Department Year end Review

15. NEXT MEETING

16. ADJOURNMENT

7:20pm

Moved by: D. Legris

Seconded by: M. Bujan

THAT the meeting be adjourned.