

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 **March 23, 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, K. Amenta, K. Bryden, C. Ferlisi, D. Legris, T. Ciaravella, T. McNicol, C. Newton, T. Sergnese
ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES:	L. Ciccone, S. Turin
ADMINISTRATION:	A. Cabraja, T. D'Acunto, G. Galloro
REGRETS:	B. Sheppard, F. DiMarco, D. Flynn, C. Leger, O. Oloya, A. Simonetta H. Sirola, P. Whittam
RECORDING:	C. Brinias
GUESTS:	L. Cappello, Consultant V. Galeo, Consultant M. McShine-Quao, Research Officer D. Murgaski, Superintendent M. Occhipinti, St. Joseph, Richmond Hill, Special Education Part I L. Paul, CTN Chief Executive Officer C. Sousa, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum F. Sparks, St. Patrick, Markham, Special Education Part I

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda Approval of Agenda for **February 23, 2015** **Motion** – Revised Agenda approved.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes Approval of Minutes **January 26, 2015** **Motion** – Minutes approved

5.0 SEAC Report to Board Report **2015:02** was distributed and received by committee.

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda **February 24, 2015** agenda were distributed and received by committee.

6.2 Student Services: Summary of In-Services Calendar Inservices for **March 2015** were distributed

7.0 Correspondence

- 7.1 Grand Erie District School Board dated February 6, 2015 was distributed.

8.0 Presentations/Discussions

8.1 Safety Program Curriculum

Letizia Cappello and Vince Galea, Special Education Consultants introduced a new Safety Program Curriculum developed to support students who demonstrate specific behavior patterns.

8.2 EQAO School Climate and Exit Survey Results

Diane Murgaski and Marcelle McShine-Quao provided a comprehensive presentation outlining results of EQAO, School Climate and Exit Survey.

9.0 Business Arising

- 9.1 Ministry Memo outlining the SEAC Conference taking place on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the University of Toronto.

- 9.2 Tentative 2015 – 2016 SEAC Meeting Dates were distributed.

10.0 Action Items

10.1 Succession Planning

Defer topic to the April SEAC Meeting.

11.0 Association Reports

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

- 12.1 Succession Planning – Paul Whittam – April 2015
- 12.2 Special Needs Strategy Update – April 2015
- 12.3 Special Education Operational Review – April 2015
- 12.4 Educational Assistant Policy – April 2015
- 12.5 Mental Health Update – May 2015
- 12.6 Special Education Plan – May 2015
- 12.7 Student Presentations – June 2015
- 12.8 Special Education Budget – June 2015

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

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 9:00 p.m.