

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A regular meeting was held virtually on Google Meet on **March 7, 2022** at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members: N. Byrne, J. Gamboa, S. Gatti, M. Iafrate, N. Lai, D. Legris, J. Man, J. Wigston,
Association Representatives: M. DiFederico, F. Di Marco, D. Flynn, M. Oyston
Administration: A. Cabraja, D. Candido, E. Miceli-Bush
Regrets: D. Giuliani, L. Lausic, E. Morgillo, L. Paluzzi, N. Welch
Recording: C. Mong
Guests: D. Cree, *Early ON Program Coordinator, York Region*
R. Dizon, *Program Coordinator, York Region*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

3.0 Approval of New Material

Nil – No New Material

4.0 Moment of Inspiration

Presentation highlighting how YCDSB ASD teachers helped families overcome the challenges of C19 closures by engaging and broadening strategies in the home learning environment. The ASD teachers created video resources and individualized at home learning kits with video instructions to guide parents through the resources in the kits.

5.0 Approval of Agenda March 7, 2022

Motion – Agenda approved (Iafrate / Gatti)

6.0 Approval of the Minutes February 16, 2022

Motion - Minutes approved (Lai / Byrne)

7.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2022:03 – **February 2022**

Items Received (Legris / Gamboa)

8.0 Information Items

8.1 Board Agenda

- March 29, 2022

Items Received (Legris / Gamboa)

9.0 Correspondence

9.1 RCCDSB – Nursing Shortage in Ontario

9.2 DDSB – Special Incidence Portion Claim Funding

9.3 DPCDSB – Provincial Protocols for C19 within Ontario Schools

Items Received (Di Federico/ Man)

10.0 Presentations / Discussions

10.1 Early ON Programs

- Free support services and program to caregivers and children from birth to 6 years in Ontario. High quality inclusive and welcoming places where qualified EC professionals help families and caregivers focusing on making connections and building a network, finding supports, getting advice, attending drop in programs. More information can be found on their [website](#)

10.2 R.I.S.E. Program

- Resources for Inclusion Support in Early Learning Settings (R.I.S.E.) includes a series of wraparound supports available to early learning and child care programs to support the inclusion of all children with varying abilities. R.I.S.E. includes training and other supports, such as coaching, to build the confidence of early learning and child care professionals as they support inclusive classrooms. More information can be found on their [website](#)

10.3 CAR Report

- Deferred

10.4 YCDSB SEAC letter in support of DSBN: re: Nursing shortage in Ontario

- Draft reviewed by committee. Will be presented to Board

10.5 Status of Exceptional Student learning during Covid -19

- Superintendent Candido provided an update of Student Services initiatives to support exceptional learners during Covid-19

11.0 Business Arising

12.0 Action Items

THAT the Board endorses the YCDSB SEAC Letter to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Education regarding the shortage of nurses to help support students with complex medical needs to safely and meaningfully attend school.

THAT the Board endorses the YCDSB SEAC letter to the Minister of Education regarding the Special Incident Portion Claim funding.

13.0 Association Reports

- DSAYR: March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day. As done in the past years, resources will be sent to YCDSB and YRDSB to be shared in the classroom.
- EIS: Early Intervention services is pleased to be one of the agencies delivering Caregiver Mediated Early Years (CMEY) programs through the York Simcoe Autism Network (YSAN). Caregiver-mediated early years (CMEY) programs offered through the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) support families with young children ages 12 months to 48 months (4 years). These programs help young children with Autism and their caregivers learn new skills and meet individualized goals. The two programs being delivered by the EIS - Infant and child development program (ICDS) through the York Simcoe Autism Network (YSAN) are: Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT) and Social ABC's. To access CMEY services, families must be invited to participate in caregiver mediated early years programs. To receive an invitation, children must be registered with the Ontario Autism Program (OAP).
- Easter Seals: March is Easter Seals Month: Please visit their [website](#) for more information.
- LDAYR: March Break camp will take place March 14-18, 2022. Summer Camp registration: please visit their [website](#) for more details.
- York Hills: Spring webinar and workshops are now available. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

14.0 Items for Future Agendas

- Kindergarten Pilot Project Update
- CAR Report
- SEAC Banner

15.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday April 6, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. Virtually over Google meet

- 16.0 Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.**
Meeting adjourned (Byrne / Legris)