

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 **May 20, 2015** at the Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: K. Amenta, K. Bryden, C. Ferlisi, S. Gatti, D. Legris, T. McNicol, B. Sheppard, A. Simonetta, P. Whittam

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES: L. Ciccone, F. DiMarco, D. Flynn, S. Turrin

ADMINISTRATION: A. Cabraja, G. Galloro, C. Leger, O. Oloya

REGRETS: H. Adams, M. Agosta, T. Ciaravella, T. D'Acunto, C. Ferlisi, C. Newton, T. Sergnese,

RECORDING: C. Brinias

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda
Approval of Agenda for **May 20, 2015**
Motion – Revised Agenda approved.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes
Approval of Minutes **April 20, 2015**
Motion – Minutes approved

5.0 SEAC Report to Board
Report **2015:04** was distributed and received by committee.

6.0 Information Items
6.1 Board Agenda
April 28, 2015 agenda was distributed and received by committee.

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

7.0 Correspondence
7.1 Greater Essex County District School Board – March 30, 2015
7.2 Upper Grand District School Board – April 8, 2015

8.0 Presentations/Discussions

8.1 Mental Health Update

Schrine Persad, Chief Psychologist provided an update on Mental Health Awareness initiatives, and future direction promoting and supporting student mental health and well-being.

8.2 Special Education Budget Update 2015-2016

Jackie Porter, Senior Manager of Budget and Audit Services provided an update of the Special Education Budget for 2015 – 2016.

9.0 Business Arising

9.1 Special Education Budget 2015 - 2016

Paul Whittam, Chair provided an overview of the presentation he will be presenting at the Board of Trustees on **May 26, 2015**.

10.0 Action Items

10.1 Special Education Plan 2014 – 2015 Amendments Approved

Motion: SEAC approves the amendments and recommends that the Special Education Plan amendments approved by the Board.
Approved by: McNicol / Legris

11.0 Association Reports

11.1 Downs Syndrome Association:

- Annual Picnic taking place on June 6, 2015 at Camp Robin Hood

11.2 Learning Disabilities Association:

Learning Disability Association of York Region: Registration is now open for Summer Institute Workshops (Math Transitions, Preparing for Tests/Exams, Note-taking Strategies), Summer Camps (Social Skills, Assistive Technology).
Please see attached flyers for further details. LDAYR is one of the charities selected in the 2015 Magna Hoedown.

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

12.1 Student Presentations – June 2015

12.2 Special Education Budget – June 2015

12.3 Special Education Operational Review

13.0 Next Meeting: June 15, 2015 @ Catholic Education Center in Boardroom at 7:00 p.m.

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 8:35 p.m.