

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 **November 13, 2017** at Catholic Education Centre located at 320 Bloomington Road West, Ontario commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members:	H. Adams, C. Amenta, S. Boswick, K. Bryden, T. Ciaravella, S. Gatti, A. Infusino-Simonetta, D. Legris, T. McNicol (teleconference), E. Morgillo, S. Trozzo
Association Representatives:	P. Dignard, D. Flynn, F. DiMarco, A. Misa
Administration:	T. D'Acunto, A. Cabraja, J. Fragnelli, L. Lausic, O. Oloya
Regrets:	C. Ferlisi, B. Sheppard, C. Lee
Recording:	A. Berry
Guests:	G. Sorge, Mental Health Lead, YCDSB Psychology Department

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for **November 13, 2017**
Motion – Agenda approved (Ciaravella / Adams)

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes **October 16, 2017**
Motion – Minutes approved (Ciaravella / Bowick)

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2017:08 – October 16, 2017

6.0 Information Items

- 6.1** Board Agenda – **October 24, 2017**
- 6.2** Student Services In-Service Calendar – **November 2017**
- 6.3** Christmas SEAC Dinner Invitation – RSVP by December 1, 2017
Meeting will begin at 6:15 to 7:00. Dinner at 7:00 in the Trustee's Lounge

7.0 Correspondence

8.0 Presentations / Discussions

8.1 Mental Health Initiative – Next 3 Years

Dr Geoff Sorge, Mental Health Lead, Psychology Department presented the new Mental Health initiative for the next 3 years.

See PowerPoint presentation attached.

8.2 Student Trustees added to SEAC Membership List

8.3 SEAC Goals Review and Update

- Created a SEAC email address
- Designed a flyer to raise awareness of SEAC
 - o Flyer went out with report cards
 - o Networking with other SEAC Groups
- Video Subcommittee creating video for SEAC
- Parent focus presentations
 - o Determine topics that are beneficial for parents
- Follow up presentation from Ministry
 - o New budget items, funding formula
 - o Review 2017-2018 goals Chair to summarize and send out brainstorming session notes for 2017-2018 goal setting activity

9.0 Business Arising

10.0 Action Items

11.0 Association Reports

- **Learning Disability Association of York Region**
The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region is hosting their Annual Conference on February 28, 2018, "Finding the Right Balance for Students with LDs". The Social Skills Winter Program Session begins the week of January 15, 2018. The HIGH FIVE Principles of Healthy Child Development Training takes place on January 20, 2018. Please contact LDAYR for more information and how to register: 905-884-7933 ext. 23.
- **Autism Ontario**
Autism Ontario's Holiday Party to take place on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. See website for registration details.
- **Kinark Child and Family Services**
Kinark Child and Family Services Aurora Office is moving on December 1, 2017 from 24 Orchard Heights Blvd to 218 Earl Stewart Drive, Unit 7, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6V7.
- **Down Syndrome Association of York Region**
November 1 to 7, 2017 was Canadian Down Syndrome Week. Buddy Walk took place on Nov 7 to increase awareness and celebrate World Down Syndrome Day, and raise money. Annual General Meeting to take place on November 15, 2017 at Rouge Wood Community Centre, Richmond Hill

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

- ABA Implementation Plan – December 11, 2017
- EQAO / OSSLT Results – January 15, 2018
- Community Support Program & Employment Services – February 12, 2018

13.0 Next Meeting: December 11, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. at Catholic Education Center, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario. Christmas Dinner to follow in Trustee's Lounge.

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m. (Ciaravella / Morgilio)