

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 24, 2014** at the Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	M. Agosta, K. Bryden, A. Infusinno-Simonetta T. McNicol, C. Newton, T. Sergnese, H. Sirola, P. Whittam T. Ciaravella – attended by teleconference
ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES:	E. DiFalco, D. Flynn, S. Turrin
ADMINISTRATION:	O. Oloya, A. Cabraja, T. D'Acunto, G. Galloro, C. Leger
REGRETS:	H. Adams, K. Amenta, D. Legris, E. Naccarato, B. Shepherd
RECORDING:	C. Brinias
GUESTS:	C. Booth, Supervisor, Speech and Language Services G. Kelly, St. Julia Billiart –Special Education Part 1 M. Nasello, Superintendent of Education: School Leadership and Safe Schools

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda Approval of Agenda for **November 24, 2014** **Motion** – Agenda approved.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes Approval of Minutes **October 29, 2014** **Motion** – Minutes approved

5.0 SEAC Report to Board Report **2014:08** was distributed and received by committee.

6.0 Information Items **6.1 Board Agenda** **October 28, 2014** agenda were distributed and received by committee.

6.2 Student Services: Summary of In-Services Calendar Inservices for **November 2014** were distributed

7.0 Correspondence 7.1 Durham Catholic District School Board 7.2 Renfrew County District School Board 7.3 2014-2015 Membership List 7.4 Special Education Advisory Committee Brochure 7.5 Christmas Dinner Invitation @ Eagles Nest

8.0 Presentations/Discussions**8.1 Special Needs Strategy Update**

Cathy Booth, Supervisor of Speech and Language Services introduced the Special Needs Strategy for Children and Youth Initiative. The Special Needs Strategy is a provincial initiative that will assist children and youth to receive and effective services from 0 to school age. Website: <http://specialneedsstrategy.children.gov.on.ca>

Handout: See PowerPoint Presentation

8.2 Equity & Inclusion

Michael Nasello, Superintendent of Education: School Leadership and Safe Schools introduced the Equity & Inclusion Education Strategy for YCDSB. The vision is to achieve an equitable and inclusive school climate.

Handout: See PowerPoint Presentation

9.0 Business Arising

- 9.1** ABA Implementation Plan 2014-2015 draft document was distributed for feedback from SEAC members. Feedback due by December 8, 2014

10.0 Action Items**11.0 Association Reports****11.1 Learning Disability Association**

- Learning Disability awareness month during October was a success all over York Region. St. Brigid CES – ISA class raised \$500!
- LDAYR hosted a parent-teacher conference on November 26, 2014. The parent session focused on Mindfulness-based techniques to improve emotional regulation skills. The teacher session focused on the holistic approach using gentle movement, breath awareness and meditation. As well how these techniques can assist specific mental health concerns, depression, anxiety, and a history of trauma.

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

- 12.1** ABA Implementation Plan – December 2014
- 12.2** Self-Regulation through Conversation – December 2014
- 12.3** LDAYR – Successful Practices – January 2015
- 12.4** Elections in January – for chair & co-chair
- 12.5** EQAO Results & Climate & Exit Survey Data – January 2015
- 12.6** Special Education Staffing (EA/EI/CYW) – February 2015
- 12.7** Special Education Budget Update – February 2015
- 12.8** Safety Program Curriculum – March 2015
- 12.9** Special Needs Strategy Update – March 2015
- 12.10** Special Education Operational Review – April 2015
- 12.11** Educational Assistant Policy – April 2015
- 12.12** Mental Health Update – May 2015
- 12.13** Special Education Plan – May 2015
- 12.14** Student Presentations – June 2015
- 12.15** Special Education Budget – June 2015

13.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 17 at @ 6:30 p.m. @ Eagles Nest**14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.**