

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A regular meeting was held on **October 16, 2017** at Catholic Education Centre located at 320 Bloomington Road West, Ontario commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members:	H. Adams, K. Bryden C. Amenta T. Ciaravella, S. Boswick, C. Lee, S. Gatti, M. Hunter, B. Smith, S. Suppa, S. Trozzo
Association Representatives:	P. Dignard, D. Flynn, F. DiMarco, A. Misa
Administration:	T. D'Acunto, A. Cabraja, J. Fragnelli, L. Lausic, M. Battista
Regrets:	C. Ferlisi, D. Legris, T. McNicol
Recording:	C. Brinias
Guests:	D. Young, Practicum Student, LDAYR, Social Work Programs, Windsor University

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for **October 16, 2017**
Motion – Agenda approved (Ciaravella / Amenta)

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes **September 18, 2017**
Motion – Minutes approved (Ciaravella/ Amenta)

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2017:08 – **October 16, 2017**

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda – **September 26, 2017**
6.2 Student Services In-Service Calendar – **October 2017**

7.0 Correspondence

8.0 Presentations / Discussions

8.1 Learning Disabilities Awareness Month

Stephanie Gatti, Program Manager and YCDSB SEAC Representative provided an overview of Learning Disabilities Association objective as a non-profit association that supports children, youth, and adults living with Learning Disabilities and / or ADHD. Ben Smith, YCDSB Student Trustee, shared his journey of how he became involved with the Learning Disabilities Association.

8.2 Learning Disabilities Steering Committee Pilot Project

Josie Fragnelli, Coordinator of Special Programs, Elementary and Linda Lausic, Coordinator of Special Programs, Secondary shared information regarding the formation of a Learning Disabilities Steering Committee in partnership with the Learning Disabilities Association, York Region. The purpose of the committee is to create and utilize a data driven approach to determine indicators of success and determine next steps in regards to increasing awareness of learning disabilities and increasing representation and data sampling for guidance and direction.

8.3 SEAC Video Presentation

Michele Nerino, Assistive Technology Supervisor, and Anthony Volpe, Special Education Software Specialist & Mobile Helpdesk presented the SEAC Video. The SEAC Committee provided feedback.

8.4 SEAC Goals Update

- deferred to November SEAC Meeting

Business Arising

9.0 Action Items

10.0 Association Reports

• **Community Living Central York**

We are ramping up our Happy Hearts Campaign and will be breaking ground on our new building at 460 Oak Street very soon. Our administrative offices have moved to [195 Harry Walker Parkway](#) in Newmarket and our day supports will be joining us in this new temporary location come November. This will allow for the renovation on our building at Oak Street to take place over the next 12-14 months. We are looking forward to having all of our administration and day supports in one building, once the renovation is complete. For more information on our Happy Hearts Campaign please see our website at www.clnad.com. The Newmarket RoadRunners are once again hosting the 5K Jelly Bean Run in support of our Happy Hearts Campaign! Last year, they raised \$6,800 for us! I know that their goal for this year is to surpass that number. The date of the run is Sunday November 12, 2017. It is being held at Fairy Lake. Here is a link to the website with all of the details: <http://newmarketroadrunners.com/jelly-bean-5k.html>

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

- **ABA Implementation Plan – December 11, 2017**
- **EQAO / OSSLT Results – January 15, 2018**

13.0 Next Meeting: November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Catholic Education Center, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m. (Ciaravella / Suppa)