

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 **October 17, 2016** at Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 0M1 commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members:	H. Adams, K. Amenta, S. Boswick, K. Bryden, S. Gatti, D. Legris, E. Morgillo, A. Simonetta
Association Representatives:	E. DiFalco, F. DiMarco, D. Flynn
Administration:	T. D'Acunto, J. Fragnelli, G. Galloro, O. Oloyo
Regrets:	A. Cabraja, T. Ciaravella, P. Dignard, C. Ferlisi, T. McNicol, B. Sheppard,
Recording:	C. Brinias
Guests:	Mary Brumwell, Early Intervention Services – Early Intervention Services Nita Leung, St. Maximillian CHS – Classroom Teacher Sarina Suppa, York Support Services Network – Future SEAC member

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer – F. DiMarco

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for **October 17, 2016**

Motion – Agenda approved (Morgillo/Gatti)

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes **September 19, 2016**

Motion – Minutes approved (Legris/Boswick)

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2016:07 – **September 19, 2016**

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda – **September 27, 2016**

6.2 Student Services In-Service Calendar – **October 2016**

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Renfrew County Catholic District School Board – September 14, 2016

- Chair to follow-up with Renfrew CDSB

7.2 Provincial Parent Advisory Committee – September 23, 2016

- Resource materials for SEAC members – www.paac-seac.ca

8.0 Presentations/Discussions

8.1 Early Intervention Services (EIS)

Mary Brumwell, Manager, Integrated Children Services and Shelley Boswick, Early Interventionist provided a comprehensive overview new structure of the Early Intervention Services of York Region. EIS believes in early facilitation to holistically support families, the community and childcare programs. Early facilitation can alter the course of a child's development, promoting independence and building on already established goals and skills in daily routines promoting engagement and inclusion into all aspects of the child's environments.

Handout: See PowerPoint Presentation attached

8.2 ASD / GLE Summer Course Update

Gemma Galloro, Coordinator of Special Programs (Secondary) and Nita Leung, Teacher at St. Maximillian provided an overview of the ASD / GLE Summer Course. The summer course took place from July 7 to August 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. at Father Michael McGivney CHS. The course was designed to assist students with Autism Spectrum Disorder to successfully prepare for the transition to postsecondary settings. Course will be offered again next summer and during school year.

Handout: See PowerPoint Presentation attached

8.3 2016 – 2017 SEAC Goals

- Distribute prioritized goals
- Email to SEAC committee members to join SEAC Budget Subcommittee and Goals
- Create SEAC email account - SEACinfo@ycdsb.ca
- Chair to develop SEAC Flyer

9.0 Business Arising

9.1 Volunteers for SEAC Budget Subcommittee

- Kathy Bryden, Harold Adams, Diane Legris,

9.2 Volunteers for Agency & Association Presentations

- LDAYR Presentation – November 14, 2016

10.0 Action Items

11.0 Association Reports

- **The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region** successfully transitioned in our new Executive Director, Helga Sirola on October 1st 2016. Lynn Ziraldo is now our Strategic Advisor for the community. **Programs Update:** LDAYR is in line with the Ministry of Education's focus on math strategies and has a new partnership with STEM Minds. **Registration is now open for:** Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Discovery Club beginning January and STEM March Break Camp -- see *attached flyers*. LDAYR Winter Social Skills begins January and SOAR elementary/secondary is scheduling schools in January. Contact LDAYR for more information: 905-884-7933.
- **York Support Services Information Sessions – see flyer attached**
 - o October 20, 2016 – Sexuality & Education Safety Strategies
 - o October 26, 2016 – Applying for Funding

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

12.1 ASD Student Presentation

13.0 Next Meeting: November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Boardroom at the Catholic Education Center, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 p.m. (Gatti / Morgillo)