

**YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, October 20, 2025, 6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: J. Wigston, A. Grella, A. Connolly, N. Byrne, S. Leckey, A. Carter, D. Legris, N. Welch

Absent with Notice: C. Chen, M. Bujan, J. Man

Administration: J. Powers, L. Lausic, C. Sandig

Recording Officer: C. Mong

Presenters: Y. Cheung, *OT, YCDSB*  
M. Jacobs, *OT, YCDSB*  
C. Ruffolo – Defilippis, *Manager of Physical Management Services, YCDSB*  
M. Prinzo, *Mental Health Manager, YCDSB*

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**1. OPENING PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

A. Grella Chair SEAC, welcomed everyone to the SEAC Meeting and lead the opening prayer at 6:35pm. The Land Acknowledgement followed.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL**

No new materials

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Correction on date of the next meeting: November 10, 2025

**Moved by:** J. Wigston

**Seconded by:** D. Legris

**THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):**

**Moved by:** D. Legris

**Seconded by:** N. Byrne

**THAT** the Minutes of September 15, 2025 , be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**7. SEAC REPORT TO BOARD**

**7.1 SEAC Report to Board 2025-08**

**8. MOMENT OF INSPIRATION**

**8.1 Student Success**

SEA OTs in collaboration with SEA trainers and the school teams, support students using Clicker are making gains in their everyday life. With the collaborative efforts and the use of the technology students are able to complete written tasks with speech feedback and visual support. These small changes make a big difference in their confidence and willingness to participate. By using this assistive technology, we are building a learning experience where every student feels seen, supported, and capable of success. Students are becoming more confident, more independent, and proud to show what they know.

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

**9.1 Summer Mental Health Initiatives**

This presentation highlighted summer programs funded by TPAs over the summer. Through these camps students participated that supported the development of culturally responsible student leaders in mental health, particularly for populations prone to mental health challenges, with a focus on reducing social isolation and fostering a sense of belonging. By the end of the camp, it was reported the students noted an increase in confidence, initiative and personal responsibility.

**10. ACTION ITEM(S)**

**11. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

**12. INFORMATION ITEM(S)**

**12.1 LDAYS Report**

**12.2 York Hills Report**

**12.3 Easter Seals Association Update**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**14.1 Call for future association presentations**

**15. NEXT MEETING**

**15.1 November 15, 2025 at 6:30pm**

Correction: November 10, 2025 at 6:30pm

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by:** D. Legris

**Seconded by:** N. Byrne

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**