

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

Monday, November 10, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: A. Grella, A. Connolly, N. Byrne, J. Man, D. Legris, M. Barbieri

Absent with Notice: J. Wigston, N. Welch, S. Byrne, S. Leckey, M. Rennie, M. Bujan,
A. Carter, S. Carnovale, C. Mong

Administration: J. Powers

Recording Officer: A. Berry

Guests: Alana Miraglia, Special Education Program Consultant: Intensive
Response Team - Secondary / Itinerant Work Experience
Teacher East Region
Maria Liberatore, Itinerant Work Experience Teacher, Student
Services
Siobhain Bondy, Itinerant Work Experience Teacher and
Transition Planner, Student Services
Ashley Ferguson, Town of Georgina
Aimee Smith - YCDSB Graduate

1. OPENING PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Trustee Grella, SEAC Chair, welcomed everyone to the SEAC Meeting and lead the opening prayer. The Land Acknowledgement followed.

1.1 Prayer

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL

THAT the new material be approved as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: D. Legris

Seconded by: N. Byrne

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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

Moved by: D. Legris
Seconded by: M. Barbieri

THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting, be approved as presented.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7. SEAC REPORT TO BOARD

Received: M. Barbieri

Seconded: N. Byrne

8. MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

8.1 Pathways to EmployABILITY Program (PEP) at Georgina

Siobhain Bondy, Itinerant Work Experience Teacher and Transition Planner, recently honoured Aimee—a York Catholic District School Board graduate—for her outstanding career milestone. During her final year of high school, Aimee took part in the Pathway to EmployABILITY program and completed a placement at the Multi-Use Recreational Centre with the Town of Georgina. Upon successful completion of her placement, she was offered a paid position. Ashley Ferguson, of the Recreation Services Division in the Community Services Department, also praised Aimee's dedication and underscored how invaluable she has become as a new member of their team.

9. PRESENTATIONS

9.1 When Faith Meets Pedagogy: Celebrating our God Given Gifts and Talents through Work

Alana and Maria shared the WFMP Workshop Presentation given on October 24th to Catholic teachers across Ontario. Resources shared highlighted the importance of the church's teaching on developing our God given gifts and talents, connecting to the theme of Stewardship of Hope and sharing our Time, Talent and Treasure with our school community. Providing educators with our Work Experience resources focussing on St. Joseph the Worker, Vocational Retreats and our Pathways to EmployABILITY Program help inform their school boards of inclusive programming centred on Gospel teachings.

9.2 Student Services Department Update

Superintendent Powers presented a recap of programs and services delivered by the Student Services department over the last month.

10. ACTION ITEM(S)

11. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- 12. INFORMATION ITEM(S)**
 - 12.1 2025-2026 Meeting Dates**
 - 12.2 Association News**
 - 12.2.1 LDAYS
 - 12.2.2 Community Living
 - 12.3 Letter to Minister of Education from DDSB SEAC re: Education Funding Timing**
 - 12.4 Transition to High School In-Person Parent/Guardian Information Session**
- 13. NOTICES OF MOTION**
- 14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**
 - 14.1 Student Census Data (December)**
 - 14.2 FASD Presentation**
 - 14.3 Call for future Association Presentations**
- 15. NEXT MEETING**
 - 15.1 December 15, 2025 at 6:30pm**
- 16. ADJOURNMENT**
 - Moved by:** M. Barbieri
 - Seconded by:** N. Byrne
 - THAT** the meeting be adjourned.