

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

**Monday, April 13, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: J. Sarna, A. Connolly, S. Leckey, M. Bujan, S. Carnovale,  
D. Legris, L. La Rosa

Absent with Notice: A. Carter, Y. Zhou, N. Welch, M. Rennie, J. Man

Administration: J. Powers, L. Cippolone, L. Lausic

Recording Officer: C. Mong

Guests: S. Troung, J. Does

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**1. OPENING PRAYER**

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL**

**THAT** the new material be approved as presented.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by:** D. Legris

**Seconded by:** M. Bujan

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

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

**Moved by:** A. Connolly

**Seconded by:** D. Legris

**THAT** the Minutes of March 2, 2026, be approved as presented.

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

**8. MOMENT OF INSPIRATION**

**8.1 Fr. Michael McGivney Adapted Books**

This moment of inspiration began with a high school literacy pilot, where the YCDSB Speech and Language SEA team created 14 teenage friendly adapted books using simplified English to address a gap in available resources.

In collaboration with students from Fr. Michael McGivney, the initiative grew further as Grade 11 Religion students each created an adapted book as part of their culminating task. This creative approach not only expanded the library's collection but also fostered inclusivity within the student community.

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

**9.1 Easter Seals Presentation**

This presentation highlighted Easter Seals history, mission, and vision. It also provided an overview of the programs and services offered along with eligibility criteria.

**9.2 YCDSB Bocce Tournament**

YCDSB is celebrating 19 years of bocce play. Under the supervision of Special Education Teachers and Education workers, teams from all YCDSB high schools participated in the sport. This year approximately 190 YCDSB students participated in an east and a west tournament. The 8 winning teams are advancing to the regional tournament which took place on April 10th. The student athletes are also invited to an all-inclusive tournament in May.

**9.3 Student Services Monthly 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 Transition Planning Symposium (May 7)**

**12.2 LDAYS**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

**14.1 Secondary Spring Dance**

**14.2 Special Education Plan Review**

**14.3 Special Education Budget**

**15. NEXT MEETING**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

7:30pm

**Moved by:** D. Legris

**Seconded by:** M. Bujan

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.