

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

Monday, December 15, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: A. Grella, M. Iafrate, A. Connolly, N. Welch, N. Byrne, S. Leckey

Absent with Notice: J. Wigston, J. Man, A. Carter, D. Legris

Administration: J. Powers

Recording Officer: C. Mong

Guest(s): M. McShine-Quao, YCDSB Educational Researcher

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- 1. OPENING PRAYER**
 - 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
 - 3. ROLL CALL**
 - 4. ELECTION OF CHAIR**
 - 5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**
 - 6. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL**
THAT the new material be approved as presented.
 - 7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
 - 8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):**
THAT the Minutes of November 10, 2025, be approved as presented.
 - 9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Nil
 - 10. SEAC REPORT TO BOARD**
 - 10.1 SEAC Board Report 2026-01**

11. MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

11.1 AAC Annual Christmas Video

This video features students who experience significant communication challenges sharing their voices with us. This year this video features 19 schools and 35 students expressing through their AAC devices and communication supports, by performing a Christmas carol.

This project is a reminder that every student has a voice and that when we support communication, we open doors to connection, confidence, and joy.

12. PRESENTATIONS

12.1 2024 Student Census

The data collected from the 2024 student census was shared. The voluntary and confidential information gathered is used to identify and address systemic inequities and to support better, more equitable outcomes for all students.

12.2 Student Services Department Update

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

13. ACTION ITEM(S)

14. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

15. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

15.1 York Hills

15.2 Easter Seals Association Update

15.3 LDAYS December Report and program flyers

15.4 Community Living E-Connector

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

17.1 FASD Presentation

17.2 Call for future association presentations

18. NEXT MEETING

18.1 January 12, 2026 at 6:30pm

19. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the meeting be adjourned.