

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

Monday, February 23, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: J. Wigston, A. Grella, A. Connolly, Y. Zhou, N. Byrne, J. Man,
M. Bujan, A. Carter, D. Legris

Absent with Notice: N. Welch, S. Leckey, M. Rennie, S. Carnovale

Administration: J. Powers

Recording Officer: C. Mong

Guests: J. Chan, Behaviour Analysts, YCDSB
S. McGuire, Teacher at St Julia Billiard, YCDSB
T. Panniculum, Teacher at St Julia Billiard, YCDSB

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: A. Connolly

Seconded by: N. Byrne

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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

Moved by: N. Byrne

Seconded by: A. Connolly

THAT the Minutes of January 10, 2026, be approved as presented.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

8. SEAC REPORT TO BOARD: 2026-03

Received by: J. Wigston

Seconded by: N. Byrne

9. MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

This presentation showcased the Human Body Medical Symposium hosted by the Grade 5/6 PACE class from St. Julia Billiard. Students engaged in a scientific inquiry unit exploring common diseases. Through research, discussion, and creative presentations, students developed a deeper understanding of how the human body functions and what occurs when systems are not working properly. The unit culminated in a Medical Symposium, where students presented their findings to fellow students and parents.

10. PRESENTATIONS

11. ACTION ITEM(S)

12. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

12.1 After school Secret Agent Society (SAS) - Calling all Cadets Presentation

This presentation provided an overview of an engaging multimedia program designed for students in Grades 3–6. The program equips children with strategies to support a range of social-emotional challenges, including difficulties with friendships and managing emotions. Through espionage-themed activities, participants explored and developed skills in emotion recognition, emotion regulation, problem-solving, and social skills.

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. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

13.1 Community Living York South

13.2 Easter Seals Update

13.3 LDAYS updates

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

15.1 LDAYS Presentation (March)

15.2 Easter Seals Presentation (April)

15.3 Best Buddies (May)

15.4 Bocce Tournament (Spring)

16. NEXT MEETING

17. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:25pm.

Moved by: D. Legris

Seconded by: N. Byrne