

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

Monday, March 2, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: J. Wigston, A. Grella, A. Connolly, S. Leckey, J. Man, A. Carter,
D. Legris

Absent with Notice: M. Iafrate, C.Chen, Y. Zhou, N.Welch, N. Byrne, S. Byrne, M.
Rennie, M. Bujan, S. Carnovale

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

Recording Officer: C. Mong

Guests: L. La Rosa, G. Ferrigni, M. Prinzo

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: J. Wigston

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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

Moved by: D. Legris

Seconded by: A. Carter

THAT the Minutes of February 23, 2026, be approved as presented.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

8. SEAC REPORT TO BOARD 2026-04

Received: D. Legris/ A. Connolly

9. MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

9.1 Social Time at SJW!

This video highlighted a pizza making activity for students at SJW, this activity provides real-life, concrete scenarios that help them become active, contributing members of society. Cooking with students with special needs provides them with hands-on, practical life skills, promotes independence, fosters teamwork, and creates meaningful opportunities to build confidence and self-esteem. At the end, students are able to enjoy the “fruits of their labour,” which has been both motivating and empowering for them. Together, they have made brownies, soups, chili, pizza, and next on the menu is lasagna!

10. PRESENTATIONS

10.1 LDAYS Presentation

This presentation highlighted LDAYS’s history, mission and vision. Shared information about common learning disabilities and the programs and services the association offers.

10.2 Mental Health Department Mid-Year Presentation

M. Prinzo, Mental Health Manager, presented an overview of the Tier 1 through Tier 3 programs delivered during term one, in addition to the staff training that was conducted. The presentation also emphasized the collaboration with other department in support of student mental health.

10.3 Student Services Monthly Update

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

11. ACTION ITEM(S)

12. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

13. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

13.1 Easter Seals

13.2 LDAYS Monthly Report

13.3 Community Living York South

13.4 York Hills Spring Programs

13.5 Post Secondary Education Accessibility Fair

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

15.1 Easter Seals Presentation (April)

15.2 Best Buddies (May)

15.3 Bocce Tournament (Spring)

16. NEXT MEETING

17. ADJOURNMENT: 7:25pm

Moved by: D. Legris

Seconded by: J. Wigston

THAT the meeting be adjourned.