

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

Monday, September 14, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent with Notice: S. Carnovale, A. Carter, J. Man, M. Rennie, Y. Zhou

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

Recording Officer: C. Mong

Guest: P. D'Ugo
M. Liberatore
S. Prajapati

1. OPENING PRAYER

1.1 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: M. Bujan

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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

Moved by: M. Bujan

Seconded by: A. Connolly

THAT the Minutes of June 8, 2026, be approved as presented.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

8. MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

8.1 Fit Body Fit Mind Summer Camp

Fit Body Fit Mind Camp has been running for three years and is a wonderful collaboration between our YCDSB Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Mental Health teams, made possible through Mental Health funding. This moment of inspiration highlighted the structured camp environment which included pre-planned excursions and on-site activities. The safe and supportive environment provided campers opportunities to build self-confidence, work as a team and problem solve.

9. PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Accessibility Champions: Supporting Students with Disabilities in the Workplace.

This presentation featured Toro Group of Companies, a local manufacturing company interested in offering supported work placements for students with disabilities. Working closely with YCDSB Itinerant Work Experience Teachers to select suitable candidates for their PEP placements.

This program bridges classroom learning with real-world experience. Through mentorship from staff and supervision by an OTA, neurodiverse students gain hands-on skills in trades settings. The co-op model helps them explore career paths, build confidence, and develop essential work habits. Ongoing communication with co-op teachers ensures that the experience is supportive, structured, and aligned with both student and workplace goals.

10. ACTION ITEM(S)

11. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

12. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

12.1 2026-2027 SEAC Meeting dates

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

14.1 Request for presentations

15. NEXT MEETING

16. ADJOURNMENT

7:01pm

Moved by: D. Legris

Seconded by: A. Connolly

THAT the meeting be adjourned.