

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

MINUTES of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A regular meeting was held on **September 16, 2015** at the Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	H. Adams, K. Amenta, M. Agosta, S. Boswick, T. Ciaravella, A. Infusino-Simonetta, E. Morgillo, H. Sirola, P. Whittam
ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES:	F. DiMarco, R. Dunn, D. Flynn
ADMINISTRATION:	M. Battista, A. Cabraja, T. D'Acunto, G. Galloro, C. Leger
REGRETS:	K. Bryden, D. Legris, T. McNicol, B. Shepherd, S. Turin
RECORDING:	C. Brinias
GUESTS:	Suzanne Condello, Parent

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

2.0 Prayer – P. Whittam

3.0 Approval of Agenda Approval of Agenda for **September 29, 2015** **Motion** – Agenda approved.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes Approval of Minutes **June 16, 2015** **Motion** – Minutes approved

5.0 SEAC Report to Board Report 2015:06 – June 15, 2015

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Board Agenda

- June 16, 2015

6.2 Student Services: Summary of In-Services Calendar

- September 2015

7.0 Correspondence

- 7.1 Durham District School Board
- 7.2 Wellington Catholic District School Board

8.0 Presentations/Discussions

8.1 ASD Summer Camp Update

Angie Cabraja, ASD Coordinator provided an update of the Transition to Summer School Program (YCDSB in partnership with Autism Ontario, Kinark School Support Program, and York Support Services) that was held at St. Marguerite D'Youville CES from August 10 to 21 for students from SK to grade 2. The purpose of the program is to assist young students in preparing for the transition from summer holidays back to school routines.

Handout: *See PowerPoint Presentation attached*

8.2 Learning Strategies Summer Course

Gemma Galloro, Coordinator of Special Programs, Secondary outlined the Learning Strategies for student with ASD Summer Pilot Program held at St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS from July 6 to 31. The course was designed to assist students with High functioning Autism / Aspergers to more successfully prepare for the transition to post-secondary settings.

Handout: *See PowerPoint Presentation attached*

8.3 SEAC Orientation Handbook and Goal Setting

- SEAC to send feedback on SEAC Handbook to SEAC Recorder.
- Finalize 2015-16 SEAC goals at next SEAC Meeting.

9.0 Business Arising

- 9.1 2015 International Special Olympics Bocce Tournament Plaque for the outstanding partnership between YCDSB, Seneca College & Special Olympics was shared with SEAC.
- 9.2 Policy 704 – Community Planning & Partnerships & Policy 713 – Pupil Accommodation Review were distributed for SEAC member feedback.

10.0 Action Items

11.0 Association Reports

- 11.1 **Learning Disability Association** - York Region presents their VIP Award to Connie Quadrini, Consultant for Numeracy grades 7 to 12 from York Catholic District School Board on September 21, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. *See attached press release.* October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month. Help stop the stigma and realize the ABILITIES! *See Flyers attached.*
- 11.2 **York Support Service Network (YSSN)** provides resource days for families who have a relative with a developmental disability living in York Region. *See flyer attached.*

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

- 12.1** Special Education Budget Debrief – October
- 12.2** Mental Health Update – October
- 12.3** OSSLT Results – October
- 12.4** Special Needs Strategy Update – November
- 12.5** IEP Audit Results – November
- 12.6** ABA Implementation Plan – December

13.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made. Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.