YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES of the SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A regular meeting was held on **September 19, 2016** at Catholic Education Centre, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 0M1 commencing at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Committee Members: H. Adams, K. Amenta, S. Boswick, K. Bryden, T. Ciaravella,

D. Legris, E. Morgillo

Association Representatives: E. DiFalco, D. Flynn, P. Dignard

Administration: T. D'Acunto, A. Cabraja, J. Fragnelli, M. Batista

Regrets: F. Di Marco, C. Ferlisi, S. Gatti, G. Galloro, T. McNicol, B. Sheppard,

A. Simonetta

Recording: C. Brinias

Guests: S. Ulgiati, Consultant, Religion Department

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

- 2.0 Prayer H. Adams
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for **September 19, 2016 Motion** – Agenda approved (Ciaravella/Legris)

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes June 8, 2016

Motion – Minutes approved (Legris/Ciaravella)

5.0 SEAC Report to Board

Report 2016:06 – June 8, 2016

- 6.0 Information Items
 - 6.1 Board Agenda September 13, 2016
 - 6.2 Student Services In-Service Calendar September 2016
 - **6.3** SEAC Orientation Handbook
 - **6.4** Technology Summer Camp
 - **6.5** REVISED Finalized SEAC Meeting Dates

7.0 Correspondence

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 that was held at St. Mary Immaculate CES from August 15 to 26 for students from JK 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 Goal Setting for SEAC

 Brainstorming session with SEAC Committee discussing SEAC Goals for 2016-2017

9.0 Business Arising

10.0 Action Items

- Send a summary of SEAC goals for 2016-2017 to the SEAC Committee
- October SEAC Meeting to prioritize SEAC goals and timelines

11.0 Association Reports

The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

- LDAYR will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on September 26, 2016 at the Richmond Hill Centre of the Performing Arts. Please see attached flyer and save the date card for more details.
- Join us to thank and honour Lynn Ziraldo's 38 years as a colleague, leader, mentor and advocate of the Learning Disabilities community. Lynn Ziraldo is transitioning from Executive Director of YDAYR to Strategic Advisor.
- Congratulations to incoming Executive Director Helga Sirola effective October 1, 2016.

Downs Syndrome Association

Family Events:

- Canada's Wonderland on September 25, 2016
- Buddy Walk as an awareness initiative on November 6, 2016

12.0 Items for Future Agendas

- **12.1** Early Intervention Services
- 12.2 ASD / GLE Summer Camp Update
- **12.3** Finalize 2016-2017 SEAC Goals

13.0 Next Meeting: October 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Boardroom at the Catholic Education Center, 320 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1

14.0 Motion to adjourn meeting was made

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 p.m. (Ciavavella/Morgillo)