

AGENDA

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre

Mission: *Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body, and soul to the fullness of life.*

Vision: *Changing the world through Catholic education.*

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OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, you call us to be members of one body, united in peace.

Forgive us for our selfishness.

Help us to establish a peaceful world that is built upon justice and truth.

Guide us so we can solve our conflicts with compassion and humility.

Remind us to make every effort to do what leads to peace.

+ Amen



Land Acknowledgement

We are here to pay respect and recognize that this is the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, and we are here because this land was occupied. In recognizing that this space occupies colonized First Nations territories, and out of respect for the rights of Indigenous people, it is our collective responsibility to recognize our colonial histories and present-day implications and honour, protect and sustain this land.



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"The Palm Tree" by DPCDSB Student Artist: Josiah Morales

MINUTES

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Attendees:	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee - Chair
	Dely Farrace	Brampton Caledon Community Living - Vice Chair - Representative
	Myra Del Rosario	ABC Association for Bright Children - Representative
	Liza Dowson	Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders - Representative
	Janice Hatton	Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter - Representative
	Caroline Huxtable	Epilepsy South Central Ontario - Representative
	Christine Koczmar	Community Living Mississauga - Representative
	Lisa Papaloni	Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region - Representative
	Laurie-Anne Clark	Member at Large, Central Committee for Catholic School Councils
	Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi	Alternate Trustee
	Katherine Cordi	Consultant, Special Education
Regrets:	Luz del Rosario	Alternate Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Alternate Trustee
	Airene Cunanan	Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter - Alternative
	Shanna Walsh	Down Syndrome Assoc. of Peel: Caring Network - Alternative
	Pam Boniferro	Dufferin-Peel Educational Resource Workers' Association - Alternative
	Eva Akinsara	Down Syndrome Association of Peel
Staff:	Jamie Philip	OECTA Elementary Alternative
	Sharon Chambers	Elementary
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Spec Education
	Laura Pincen	Coordinator, Secondary Transitions and Diverse Learners
	Katherine Magee	Executive Assistant, Special Education and Learning Services - Recorder
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Kristie Boily	Consultant, Special Education and Learning Services
	Alexandra Lawrence	Coordinator, Special Education and Learning Services
	Brian Diogo	Superintendent Representative
	Ruba Jeorgy	DPERWA Representative
	Gina Renda	Principal, Vice Principal Association, Secondary
	Viviana Varano	Superintendent, Brampton West

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair of SEAC, Bruno Iannicca, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer - M. Del Rosario
3. Land Acknowledgment - C. Koczmaro
4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Myra Del Rosario

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, September 25, 2024

Moved by Christine Koczmaro

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Previous Business - Nil

B. Presentations and Staff Reports

1. Special Education Program Names: A. Lawrence, E. Moniz-Baptista, K. Boily

Superintendent Papaloni introduced Coordinators, A. Lawrence and E. Moniz-Baptista and Consultant K. Boily to present the Special Education Program names to the committee. A. Lawrence explained that programs are transitioning to new names that better respect the student and better reflect the program goals. E. Moniz-Baptista detailed the STEP, IDEA, RAISE and ASPIRE programs. K. Boily explained the SOAR and ADVANTAGE programs.

C. Koczmaro asked who came up with the great names. Superintendent Papaloni answered that the team came up with the names, they vetted them and worked on them. It is a lengthy process which ran over the course of a year and a half. C. Koczmaro asked if the other four programs needed a referral process or is it just the SOAR and ADVANTAGE programs which need referrals. A. Lawrence answered that they are not through referrals but through conversations with the school team to determine best placements for students. C. Koczmaro asked for a copy of the new names. A. Lawrence replied that it will be emailed to the committee.

2. Cooperative Education Opportunities for Students with Differing Abilities: L. Pincente

Superintendent Papaloni introduced L. Pincente, Coordinator, to present the Cooperative Education Opportunities for students with differing abilities. L. Pincente discussed the courses available, including technology and STEM related course groups. She discussed dual-credit opportunities and resources available. 25% of all students enrolled in Coop have IEPs. L. Pincente detailed the role of OCEA, the Ontario Cooperative Education Association. These opportunities will be offered again next year.

M. Del Rosario asked how it is decided which student gets which opportunity, or do they have to find their own placements. L. Pincente answered that if a student has their own placement, they can utilize those. But if they do not have any connections, they will be assigned a placement. M. Del Rosario asked how it is determined which student gets which placement. L. Pincente answered that it is based on their readiness/maturity and is progressive throughout each year.

C. Huxtable asked if this is open to all students, even those who are not working on credits? L. Pincente answered that it would depend on ability.

C. Koczmar asked if the 25% of students with IEPs is including the RAISE program. L. Pincente answered that RAISE is a separate program.

Lisa Papaloni asked what the funding pays for. Superintendent Papaloni answered that the funding pays for staffing to support the students in the program.

C. Koczmar asked what types of IEPs the students have who are in the program. L. Pincente answered that it varies greatly.

3. PROGrants Update, Sacrament Preparation and Navigating the IEP: E. Moniz-Baptista, K. Cordi

Superintendent Papaloni introduced E. Moniz-Baptista, Coordinator, and K. Cordi, Consultant, to discuss the Sacraments PROGrant and IEP PROGrant. E. Moniz-Baptista updated the committee on the Sacraments Event that took place on October 3rd. It had a great turnout and helped inform parents and students. Families received adaptive kits and a gift of a plush Jesus doll.

L. Dowson mentioned that maybe some parishes don't use the kits. Superintendent Papaloni answered that we do not have control over what the parishes do. Through the schools, we can ensure it is taught correctly. But parishes are volunteers and may not be teachers. Each parish is different. We can deliver the message to the Religion department.

K. Cordi updated the committee on the Navigating the IEP PROGrant, which took place on October 9th. There was great participation and it helped parents understand their children's IEP.

M. Del Rosario asked if the video can be shared? K. Cordi answered that it can be sent to the committee. Lisa Papaloni asked if this event could be provided more frequently. Superintendent Papaloni answered that there are only so many events that can be run each year. Something would have to be removed if this event were to be run again this year. There is only so much time.

M. Del Rosario asked if these event dates could be sent earlier. Trustee Bruno Iannicca asked if she did not get a copy of when this was happening? They were sent out ahead of time. Trustee Bruno Iannicca mentioned that this event was a request by a SEAC committee member and is now a very successful event.

C. Budget - Nil

D. Reports from Trustees for Receipt

Trustee Bruno Iannicca mentioned that there are still some glitches with the Chipmunk application that are being worked through. Also, there were non-compliance issues on the AODA that are being corrected. He mentioned the Horizons for All flyer that is on the Dufferin-Peel website. It offers information to parents of children with differing abilities. Trustee Bruno Iannicca mentioned the IEP information session, and it was very informative and helpful to parents.

E. Information/Reports from Community Associations

Superintendent Papaloni reminded committee organizations that they should submit dates of significance every year to the special education department to update SEAC.

F. Information and Correspondence - Nil

G. Communication - Nil

H. Questions Asked by Committee Members

Lisa Papaloni asked if there was information about Puratos. Superintendent Papaloni answered that this will be presented at a future SEAC meeting.

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J. Adjournment

Moved by Caroline Huxtable

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:47 P.M.

CARRIED