



# Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### S.E.A.C

### Minutes

**Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

**Place: Teleconference**  
**(See dial in instructions at the end of this agenda)**  
**Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Attendance:** Rosanne Zagordo, Joe Chilelli, Theresa Coccimiglio, Gary Trembinski, Tina Newell, Lorna Connolly Beattie, Irma DiRenzo, Lori Ivey, Rose Burton Spohn, Sandra Turco, Paula Valois, Jared Lambert,

**SMC Student Trustees and Guests:** Anthony DeLorenzi, Lucas Marano, Tiziana Palumbo, Syndy Withers

**Regrets:** Suzanne Pleau, Marty Young, Lynda Lewis, Marnie Yourchuk

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board prayer was said by all.</li></ul>	All	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (April 1, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes were accepted.</li></ul>	Lori Ivey Gary Trembinski	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student Trustees</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student trustee elections are taking place April 30 at SMC.</li></ul>	Anthony DeLorenzi	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Syndy Withers- Principal Sacred Heart</li> <li>• Tiziana Palumbo- VP St. Basil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online prayer service has taken place. Another virtual prayer service is in the works.</li> <li>• Syndy Withers shared highlights for Sacred Heart school in Espanola. There are 240 students in a dual track school. There are 15 teachers, 10 EAs and 1 ECE. There is a daycare in the back of the school. Faith based programs are offered and affiliated with St. Jude parish. Students with complex needs were involved in their Christmas concert. Inclusion is celebrated. They have a multi grade classroom with a teacher of the blind and low vision with 10 students. .This class can serve as a home base for students. Sacred Heart is in a temporary building as they are awaiting for a brand new school. There is a social worker, wellbeing coach,behaviour coach and support from the city special education staff.. Support from Sudbury in OT, PT are available.</li> <li>• Tiziana Palumbo shared about special education support during the school closure. There are over 80 staff members at St Basil who are supporting distance learning. Contact with families and well being check ins were made from the onset of school closure. Classroom teachers, EAs, counsellor, are contacting families regularly. Roles are adjusting from a direct teaching model to a coaching model. Technology has been distributed to students who required it through their IEP or who don't have any technology in their home. Paper copies were provided to students with no technology. IEP goals are reviewed and accommodations/modifications have been implemented as needed. Teachers are managing visual platforms.LRTs, EAs and itinerants are supporting in classrooms. Parents are in communication with teachers and EAs. Virtual counselling is occurring via the student and family counsellor. All meetings are still occurring, system and annual IPRC, transition to SMC,transition to school, feedback meetings and ISET meetings. Food bags are also being delivered to our families in need.</li> </ul>		
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5.	<b>MINISTRY UPDATES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday April 6-Teacher led learning at home began.</li> <li>Devices have been delivered to 1200 students and 40 staff who required it.</li> <li>Marks are being calculated for secondary and not for elementary.</li> <li>Five letters to parents have been sent out with the changes that have occurred along with memos.</li> <li>Enhanced summer learning program details will be coming in the next while.</li> </ul>	Rose Burton Spohn	
6.	<b>SEAC BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sub Committee Recommendation updates</li> <li>Future meeting platforms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subcommittee meetings are still taking place. The next meeting is May 5.</li> <li>A discussion took place regarding future meetings. Rosanne will survey SEAC members to see what platform they are comfortable with for May and June meetings. She will notify members before the next meeting.</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio Rosanne Zagordo	
7.	<b>BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD</b>			
8.	<b>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Education Updates</li> <li>PD day update</li> <li>Mental Health Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PD day overview was provided , Many thanks to staff in Special Education who help to develop the learning modules made available to teachers in the afternoon sessions.</li> <li>The ministry memo from Nancy Naylor was reviewed. Continuation of IPRC meetings, IEPs, SEA equipment, SEAC meetings whereby allowing virtual meetings, specialized health support services were discussed such as agency support. Make educators aware of webinars that help to support students with special needs</li> <li>Jared, updated members about what is happening with the Mental Health Team. Counsellors reached out to the students that they are seeing and now to the entirety of their caseload. They are also using their online platform Doxey.me. The goal is to increase the level of connection. Training is continuous with the counsellors.</li> </ul>	Joe Chilelli Rosanne Zagordo Jared Lambert	

9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)			
ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)			
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town Hall meeting was held and is a possibility staff may be heading back to work in the middle of May if all safety measures are put in place. Children's Mental Health week is the first week of May. Also, referrals are still being taken should someone call AFS for service or intake.</li> </ul>		
iv	SSM DOWN SYNDROME SOC. (S. Pleau)			
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr.Korneluk will be assessing kids virtually. Transition to school meetings are being held through teleconference. SLP and CDA from HSCDSB will be conferencing with APH to discuss student profiles and treatment plans.</li> </ul>		
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE ( T. Newell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New referrals are still being taken at THRIVE. Many telephone interactions and video conferencing are happening. Transition to school meetings will take place with the school board via teleconference. A new CEO has been announced. Lisa Henderson will be starting at THRIVE from CCR and starting Monday May 4, 2020.</li> </ul>		
vii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (L. Lewis)			
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (P. Valois)( Marty Young)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The principal at St. Joseph is doing a great job connecting with families in Wawa. Good Food boxes are being delivered.</li> </ul>		
xi	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (L. Connolly Beattie)			

xii	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski and Sandra Turco)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two presentations, one from Jared Lambert and English as a Second Language presentation was offered. New Dell Laptops were approved- 260 devices were ordered. Some policies were updated and passed at the last board meeting. Some building updates from SMFI were passed and updates on COVID-19 were provided.</li> </ul>		
10.	NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm</li> </ul>	Gary Trembinski Lori Ivey	

Next Meeting: Teleconference Meeting - May 27, 2020

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

From Sault Ste. Marie:

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