



**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ( S.E.A.C.)**

**Minutes**

**Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

**Time: 4:00- 6:00 pm**

**Teleconference number: 705-945-5633 Participant code: 2114464#**

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

**Student Trustees and Guests:** Melinda Boulard, Kim Lepore, Lucas Marano, Adam Morgenstern, Justin Pino

**Regrets:** Theresa Coccimiglio

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER and Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board prayer was said by everyone.</li> </ul>	Rosanne Zagordo	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (December 15, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were accepted.</li> </ul>	Lori Ivey Tina Newell	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Trustees Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laptops were distributed for remote learning.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EA Presentation- Supporting our Students</li> <li>Autism and Behaviour Advisor.</li> <li>Superintendent of Business-Financial Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Google classroom is used by many along with LMS.</li> <li>IPRC, ITP meetings are being booked at this time along with Transition to Grade 9 meetings and students moving into ILS.</li> <li>.Videos from SMC have been shared with Grade 8 classroom teachers.</li> <li>Melinda Boulard and Kim Lepore shared their experiences and stories as EA's in our system.. Melinda is an EA at St.Basil school in the ACE program where she supports students with multi diverse needs. She highlighted her experiences supporting students face to face and with remote learning. Kim is an EA in the mainstream and supports students with ASD and Behavioral needs and multi needs.Both guests shared that the work as an EA is rewarding and it is important to see the potential in each student as their work towards achieving their goals.</li> <li>Kathy Sutherland presented to SEAC about her work with students she is supporting as the Autism/Behaviour Advisor. Kathy connects with students with agencies, connects with school staff and supports students in the virtual academy,where she provides resources and works on developing IEPs for students with ASD. .She is teaching Zones of Regulation to various groups of students virtually and continues to carry forward with the work of Stuart Shanker.</li> <li>Justin Pino referred to the SEAC expenditure report in the attachments. The revised budget process occurs in November based on enrollment as of October 31. He compared the revised to the actuals in his report. There is a strong commitment to support students with special education needs as provided on the report. See attachment from Justin Pino.</li> </ul>	<p>Lucas Morano and Adam Morgenstern</p> <p>Melinda Boulard Kim Lepore</p> <p>Kathy Sutherland</p> <p>Justin Pino</p>	
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5.	<b>MINISTRY UPDATES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Board Branding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There have been many Ministry updates since our last meeting in December. Remote learning and dual modality learning occurred from January 4 until January 22. There has been a lot of upheaval due to our health situation in the province. During the shut down period, the Ministry made it clear that our most vulnerable learners need to have access to in person learning. Rosanne and Joe worked to respond to this call to ensure our learners with the highest needs were invited to attend in person learning.</li> <li>● September 2021, all grade nine students will be offered de-streamed math. All the correspondence indicates specialized streams such as AP and LDC will still continue, but not applied and academic in mathematics. Additionally, a memo was received and American Sign Language (ASL) will be offered to students and will count towards a graduation diploma. We are looking for a teacher to teach this program as it now exists in our curriculum.</li> <li>● Assessment and evaluation information is ongoing. Demonstration school memos were sent out to any boards wishing to send a student to a school for the deaf/blind.</li> <li>● Our board has launched a new brand/logo that we are really excited to share. We have a new MYSP that will bring us into 2025. We have moved from five to four directions. Rosanne will send out the MYSP to SEAC.</li> </ul>	Rose Burton Spohn	
6.	<b>SEAC BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MACSE Report highlights</li> <li>● Meeting Platforms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MACSE was submitted on our behalf in October, therefore nothing further was sent on Jan. 22 regarding the MACSE report.</li> <li>● We will explore different meeting platforms such as Skype for Business and Google Meet for future SEAC meetings. Rosanne and Joe will look into this and set up test meetings. Support to members will be provided for this transition.</li> </ul>		
7.	<b>BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD</b>			



vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE ( T. Newell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee for service clinic is being offered. An 8 week clinic is being offered for students with developmental disabilities. The information is on the website.Ten families will be taken for the pilot.</li> <li>• A link will be provided by Tina Newell and sent out to SEAC by Rosanne</li> </ul>	Tina Newell	
viii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (L. Lewis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A nominee to represent CLA was provided to the Board by John Policchio with a letter of support.</li> </ul>		
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (L. Connolly Beattie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>		
xi	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski, S. Turco)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan. 20 - Due to covid, things are different A prayer service was held and trustees made their recommitment.</li> <li>• Committees members were appointed . Alternatives are Kathleen and Carol for SEAC.</li> <li>• New Board branding and MYSP was released and reviewed.</li> <li>• Resolutions were passed including some policies.</li> <li>• The Virtual Academy was renamed and is now called Holy Trinity Catholic Virtual Academy.</li> <li>• Memorandum was settled with unions and a student trustees report was shared.</li> <li>• Feb. 17 is the next board meeting.</li> </ul>		
9.	NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was adjourned.</li> </ul>	Sherri Kitts Lori Ivey	6:05 pm

Minutes taken by: Rosanne Zagordo

Next Meeting: February 24, 2021

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.