



**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**S.E.A.C  
Minutes**

**Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

<https://meet.google.com/ijz-opyk-efq>

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

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

**Student Trustees and Guests:** Lucas Marano, Adam Morgenstern, Terri Godin-Sokoloski

**Regrets:** Irma Drenzo

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer was said by everyone.</li> </ul>		
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (March 31, 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from March 31, 2021 were accepted.</li> </ul>	Sherri Kitts Lori Ivey	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Trustees</li> <li>Terri Godin-Sokoloski - Lexia Presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All EAs have been assigned into the google classrooms. LMS and Google meet are two platforms used.</li> <li>SMC instagram has posted daily quotes</li> <li>All students are working remotely</li> </ul>	Lucas Marano Adam Morgenstern	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ILS students are participating in special days to keep the learners engaged such as concert shirt day, pet day. All learners are encouraged to keep their cameras on during class time.</li> <li>• Student trustee election has occurred and Jenna Viotto has been elected and will begin her duties in September.</li> <li>• Terri Godin-Sokoliski is a VP and grade 2/3 teacher at Sacred Heart in Espanola. She presented to SEAC members about Lexia.</li> <li>• Her whole class is participating in Lexia. It is a computer based program based on a child's individual reading needs. She has seen gains in her student's reading since she started in March.</li> <li>• Currently the board has 500 licenses in the Board and all schools are involved in some way.</li> </ul>	Terri Godin-Sokoloski	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since March 3, asymptomatic testing continues to happen. Some have stable places, for example Shoppers Drug Mart.</li> <li>• Remote communities have mobile asymptomatic testing.</li> <li>• Prioritization of vaccines has occurred and those employees who work with students with special needs such as EAs, teachers or administration qualified to get vaccinated.</li> <li>• Stay at home order was issued until May 2. This order is not connected with our in person learning with the exception of students with special needs who are attending. Those students who are unable to learn remotely are on site with staff such as a teacher and EA support.</li> <li>• Grants for Student Needs, GSNs, have not yet been received. Once we have this information, we are hoping to hear soon in order to plan for staffing and budgeting.</li> </ul>	Rose Burton Spohn	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAC Recommendations Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If anyone is interested in sitting on the SEAC recommendations committee. The first meeting is in early May. Theresa will reach out to those who are interested.</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			

8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from Renfrew CDSB</li> <li>FASD Virtual Conference</li> <li>SEAC Recommendations update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renfrew CDSB's letter supports Bill 172, The Education Statute Law Amendment Act Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).</li> <li>Joe Chilelli has provided an overview of our SEAC recommendations to demonstrate where we are in achieving these recommendations. Some of these recommendations may be carried over to the next year which is acceptable. Some recommendations continue to be standing items on SEACs list such as the Financial Report.</li> </ul>	<p>Rosanne Zagordo</p> <p>Joe Chilelli</p>	
i	<p>North Shore Tribal Council (ST. Kitts)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JK /SK forestry and land based learning program is running out of the gym. There are 13 students in the program.</li> <li>Most staff are still working from home.</li> </ul>		
ii	<p>AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>		
iii	<p>ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently still working from home, unless it is a high risk client.</li> <li>May 3-9 is Children's mental health week. This is a virtual event.</li> </ul>		
v	<p>ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services are still occurring and they are now going into the children centres.</li> </ul>		
vi	<p>THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE ( T. Newell)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee Break occurred and Tina sent thank you to Rosanne Zagordo for attending and speaking to new parents about special needs services and HSCDSB.</li> <li>Information will be forwarded regarding ASD for families.</li> <li>Ontario Autism Program staff such as ABA therapists are now permanent staff with THRIVE. Access to this OAP service is still held by the Ministry. OAP is not publicly funded but rather dollars the family is receiving to get a fee for service.</li> <li>THRIVE has secured dollars to receive funding for students with ASD and school readiness. More information to follow.</li> </ul>		

viii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CLA executive director John Policchio met with Joe Chilelli and Rosanne Zagordo about a vision for CLA moving forward.</li> <li>● Resources available from Community Living Ontario that will be shared by Rosanne.</li> <li>● CLA is still trying to pursue Shelley Moore's visit to Sault Ste. Marie or virtual.</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 (S. Turco and G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● April 21 was the board meeting. Alpha for youth presentation with Father Ron Ambeault with youth presenting</li> <li>● SEAC minutes were passed.</li> <li>● Various policies were passed.</li> <li>● Passed a resolution regarding the renaming of the School in Wawa which is now called St. Augustine.</li> <li>● Everyone is encouraged to make a donation for Toonies for Tuition.</li> <li>● The school year calendar for 2021-2022 was revisited.</li> <li>● SMC trustees provided their presentation.</li> <li>● Terry Fox donations are still being supported by schools long after Terry Fox's death.</li> <li>● Gary Trembinski is instrumental in getting hockey player Joe Klukay into the walk of fame.</li> </ul>		
9.	Minutes by: Rosanne Zagordo Adjournment: 6:00 pm		Jared Lambert Tina Newell	

Next Meeting: May 26, 2021

Place: Teleconference

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.