



**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
S.E.A.C.
Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021

<https://meet.google.com/uzb-hubk-ozw>

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

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

Student Trustees and Guests: Lucas Marano, Adam Morgenstern, Christine Durocher

Regrets: Lorna Connolly Beattie

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	Prayer and Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer was said by everyone 	Rosanne Zagordo	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (April 28, 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from April 28, 2021 were accepted. 	Sherri Kitts Gary Trembinski	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC Student Trustees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAs have been supporting students in classes virtually. 	Adam Morgenstern Lucas Marano	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Durocher- Safe Schools Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 transitions have started in the ILS classes Sherri Viotto has visited students who are moving to ILS 3 from elementary. Google Meet, LMS are being used Mrs. Dewar, the Assistive Technology teacher and Eas have been meeting to discuss Assistive Technology needs and when supporting students online. ITP and IPRC meetings are being held. Safe school presentation was provided by Chrisitne Durocher to SEAC. Progressive approach to discipline is used in our board. School wide approaches have been used to help reduce the violent incident reports. These include: religion programs, AI's Pals, Care for Kids, Christian Meditation and Zones of Regulation. The pandemic has impacted the data. 650 students have moved to virtual learning therefore less suspensions were noted. Government introduced that suspensions K-3 can no longer occur. Suspensions by school were shared.. Violent incident reporting is when employees report to the Principal the incident and can include a wide range of incidents. The principal does an investigation. The program we use called KICS does not identify if a student has special needs or an IEP. This program is under renovation in the summer. There was a recommendation that this report be provided to SEAC twice a year. 	Christine Durocher	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last month the Ministry announced additional staff that can receive vaccines, then shortly after that, 12-17 year olds can also receive the vaccines. Stay at home order was extended GSNs were received on May 4 and the board is now in preparation to develop a budget. 	Rose Burton Spohn	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations of SEAC recommendations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEAC recommendations were presented. SEAC members acknowledged the hard work of the 	Irma Direnzo Lori Ivey Theresa Coccimiglio	

		<p>sub-committee when developing these recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion was moved to accept the recommendations. 	<p>Tina Newell. Sherri Kitts All in agreement</p>	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The projected needs from each school have been reviewed so that we provide the EA allotment to Admin as to how many EAs we need. • The Saturday Skill Building program has started with 24 students from grades 1-8.. It was formerly called the After School Skill Building program. This program is running virtual for 5 Saturdays. • The Enrichment program has been running for 14 sessions. We had a lot of positive feedback from students and families about the level of engagement • The Transition program is running at the home schools. Three principals have been hired to support this program. Teachers and skill builders are next to be hired. This pairs well with PPM 140 to support students with ASD to transition back to school to reduce anxiety and set the student up for success. last two weeks of August. • Empower is continuing as is the Lexia reading program • Students entering the ILS program will be provided with a face to face transition day with the ILS 1 teacher in June. • Counsellors continue to do their work and engage with students and families. • Over the summer, the structure will look different. There will be a counsellor available all summer and will be located at the Board Office. In the summer, counsellors will have the opportunity to work to connect to their caseload. etc. A new central telephone line has been developed and new referrals will be allowed. Counsellor availability is important however, some Mental Health Apps have 	<p>Joe Chilell</p> <p>Jared Lambert</p>	

		also been looked at for purchase. These apps can be used at home and for a student's leisure.		
i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still working from home and office. Busy scheduling graduation parade SK, Grade 8 and 12 graduates and post secondary planning on June 22 and 23. Community agencies are involved to support the graduates. 		
ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 		
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFS is expecting that staff is working one week on and one week off from the office. Children's mental health week is over and went well. Dr. Ulzen continues to support through OTN. 		
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool S/L and ICDP program called "I'm Ready" a program used to help facilitate language through various activities. Summer school readiness program will occur in August with ICDP. 		
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Newell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new people have joined the team. The first worker is joining the Social Work Team and supporting the FASD team and focusing on community partners. The second worker is based out of Elliot Lake in a new position as family support coordinator. 		
viii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The effort the board has put into providing tech for those students learning at home is appreciated. A new CLA office is opening up in Elliot Lake in June. 		
ix	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (L. Connolly Beattie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 		
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (L. Connolly Beattie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 		
xi	TRUSTEES REPORT (S. Turco and G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nadia Zanatta and Andrea Greco were nominated by our board for the OCSTA award. Nadia was the successful recipient with Andrea placing second. Both were former student trustees. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two presentations were given at the board meeting about what schools were doing during Catholic Education Week • Syndy Withers provided an update on the new school in Espanola which is opening up in September 2021. • Joe provided a SEAC update and that the recommendations were forthcoming to the Board. • OLOL- Elliot Lake renovations were starting soon. They will be done over the summer • Trustees expenses policy was expected to be passed but more time is needed. • 3005 policy was changed and adjustments made • Working from home policies were looked at along with Employee Health and Wellness. • More chromebooks were purchased and a partial roof repair in Wawa was approved. • New resolution were reached about a firewall and new Board meeting dates • Student trustee report was provided. • June 8 Finance committee will be held. 		
9.	NOTES	The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm	Irma Direnzo Gary Trembinski	

BOARD PRAYER - Nurturing Hope

Gracious and generous God, creator of the earth, our common home,
 With each new day, we prepare the earth of our lives by sowing seeds of gratitude for all you have given.
 Inspire us to cultivate relationships with all living beings.
 May we harvest new fruit and marvel in the wonder at the beauty around us.
 Nurture us in hope.
 Amen.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2021

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Google Meet)

