



**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

**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,  
Gary Trembinski, Sandra Turco and Rosanne Zagordo

**Student Trustees and Guests:** Lucas Marano, Anita Turcotte, Stephanie Vendramin  
Erin Turpin

**Regrets:** Lorna Connolly Beattie, Jacques Ribout, Adam Morgenstern

**Google Meet:** <https://meet.google.com/gkd-qytd-bjy>

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC Welcome and Thank You!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prayer was said by all.</li></ul>	Rosanne Zagordo	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (May 26, 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes were accepted</li></ul>	Sherri Kitts Gary Trembinski	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			

4.	<p>GUEST(s) Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Trustees</li> <li>• Anita Turcotte and Stephanie Vendramin</li> <li>• Jared Lambert and Erin Turpin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMC virtual concert was organized and hosted by a student. Acts were pre-recorded and put in a video for all to enjoy.</li> <li>• Year end mass was held on June 9. All grade 12 students have been given the opportunity to read.</li> <li>• Graduation will be held on June 24 with different times to visit the school</li> <li>• technology continues to be of benefit to the students</li> <li>• student counsellor has met and the council has been selected for the next school year</li> <li>• In school tours have been scheduled for 8 all together.</li> <li>• Google meet have continued to go well</li> <li>• EAS continue to meet in google break out rooms</li> <li>• Many are excited to return in the fall face to face.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anita Turcotte and Stephanie Vendramin spoke about the enrichment program. The CCAT results were administered and results were shared with parents. Nineteen students participated in 11 one hour sessions.</li> <li>• Learning opportunities involved: STEM, coding, numeracy, literacy, indigenous and more. Welcome bags were distributed and certificates were provided after the program was completed.</li> <li>• A presentation to the Board will be held June 16 including parent and student testimonials.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erin Turpin introduced herself to SEAC and her duties within the board. Erin will be the counsellor that is working throughout the summer and supporting the summer programs and any high risk students from other counsellor caseloads.</li> <li>• Jared spoke about the Mental Health app for students over the age of 12 called Mood Fit.</li> <li>• Mood Fit is the app that we have purchased and we will be able to sign our students up for a year long subscription. A code will be provided to the student to allow them access to use the app.</li> <li>• This app allows students to track their mood by using a scale and then logs the information. The information then is stored which presents the user</li> </ul>	<p>Adam Morgenstern Lucas Marano</p>           <p>Anita Turcotte Stephanie Vendramin</p>           <p>Jared Lambert Erin Turpin</p>	
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		with this information and resources can be offered to them.		
5.	<b>MINISTRY UPDATES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccines for youth have been rolling out 12-17 years of age.</li> <li>People will be vaccinated before the end of August in hopes that we can reopen in September.</li> <li>Schools are remaining online until the end of the school year.</li> <li>We are doing our best to keep students engaged until the very end.</li> <li>There are summer programs being offered as well.</li> <li>The school screening tool has been updated to reflect vaccine side effects.</li> <li>Destreamed math curriculum has been released.</li> <li>Education standards report has been sent out and is open to receiving feedback. More information to follow.</li> </ul>	Rose Burton Spohn	
6.	<b>SEAC BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEAC recommendations reminder- June 16, 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tomorrow is the Board meeting where the SEAC recommendations will be presented by Irma Drenzo. The meeting starts right at 7:00 pm with a prayer service.</li> <li>The next meeting in September will be held via Google Meet. The meetings after that will be determined after this meeting.</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio	
7.	<b>BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No business carried over.</li> </ul>		
8.	<b>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEAC Calendar</li> <li>SEAC committee feedback</li> <li>SEAC dates</li> <li>Letter from DDSB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEAC dates for next year were provided and calendar invites will be sent out shortly.</li> <li>The SEAC calendar of events was sent out in a draft form and input from the committee is requested</li> <li>Durham DSB is requesting clarification of and to share concerns regarding the implementation of the new funding model to support children with a diagnosis of Autism.</li> <li>Clarification is required as to when this pilot is expected to begin; the expected duration of this pilot and when the Ministry expects to have a final decision on how it intends to move forward on service provision to children with Autism.</li> </ul>	Joe Chilleli Rosanne Zagordo	

i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparations for their graduation parade are still going on. hoping to be in the office in the Fall.</li> </ul>		
ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>		
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ulzen is having a clinic in July where he is face to face. He also does OTN clinics.</li> <li>• AFS is back in the office, week on and week off.</li> </ul>		
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICDP worker</li> </ul>		
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE ( T. Newell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring groups are wrapping up and Tina was hopeful that we would be returning to face to face in the fall.</li> </ul>		
viii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>		
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (L. Connolly Beattie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on Faith meeting on June 7, Bishop Thomas joined the meeting and introduced himself</li> <li>• A document was sent out to support girls who are pregnant and for boys who are fathering. This would be primarily for students at SMC.</li> </ul>		
xi	TRUSTEES REPORT (Sandra Turco, G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAC recommendations will be presented on June 16.</li> <li>• Prayer service will be held before the Board meeting in order to honour the lost lives in Kamloops, British Columbia</li> <li>• Enrichment program will have a presentation.</li> <li>• Resolution and policies will be brought forward</li> <li>• Operating budget will be voted on.</li> <li>• The student trustees will be presenting along with a final report from Lucas Marano.</li> </ul>		
9.	NOTES	Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm		

### **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:           September 29, 2021

Place:                    TBA

Time:                    4:00 – 6:00 p.m.