



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

Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

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

Attendance: 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: Courtney Cizinoski

Regrets: Adam Morgenstern, Jenna Viotto, Lorna Connolly Beattie

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AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board prayer was said by all 	Rosanne Zagordo	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (June 15, 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted. 	Lori Ivey Sherri Kitts	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC Student Trustees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No student trustee report at this time. 	Courtney Cizinoski	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courtney Cizinoski-New Speech/Language Pathologist • Mental Health Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courtney Cizinoski introduced herself and outlined the role of the Speech/Language Pathologist. She is currently meeting with school staff and the Special Education Team. A new testing tool called TILLS, with virtual components and registering with the HANON program was explained to SEAC. • Jared introduced the X fit to SEAC, which has a big database to use. The subscription was purchased for teachers and EAs. Our IT dept is looking at helping to support students to use it. • MoodFit has been launched. It is an App that was purchased for grade 6 and up. It is an App that allows for users to help strengthen their own Mental Health at their own pace. Cognitive Behaviour Therapy is included on this App. • Assessment tools are also on this app which allow students to track their own mood and align with any counselling they may be receiving. The board receives confidential data from the app that helps them to determine who is getting the most engagement etc. Staff is also encouraged to use this. • Counselling during the summer was well accessed. 	Jared Lambert	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose Burton Spohn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe provided a few updates to SEAC • Sensory rooms are now open. • The focus now is now on hand hygiene. 		
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to SEAC recommendations • SEAC Calendar at a Glance • Letter from HCDSB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe reviewed the responses to SEAC. A more formal report to SEAC will be provided and uploaded on the board website. • The SEAC calendar was deferred to October • The letter from HCDSB was reviewed concerning support for FASD education. 	Joe Chilelli Rosanne Zagordo	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No business carried forward. 		
8.	SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Transition Program • Summer Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Summer Transition program was successful as the student to adult ratio was favorable. • We continue to post for the Psychologist/Psychologist Associate. 	Joe Chilelli	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychologist Posting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This year we had a full time counsellor available for the summer months for our students who were at risk. 		
i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sherri reported that Garden River Elementary School JK and SK (16 students) is busy. ASW are now placed in the schools Transportation for special needs students is still moving forward. 	Sherri Kitts	
ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 	Irma DiRenzo	
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ulzen is here October 19 via OTN. Groups such as Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren will be starting soon. There has been new staff hired this year. 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICDP has hired a new worker- Lisa Cull. Speech/Language and ICDP are doing in person visits and parent training is virtual. 	Lori Ivey	
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Newell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff is coming to full complement and grow as an agency. A small satellite office on Queen street will be opening Monday to alleviate the overflow of staff. In January more funds will be provided to CTC for assessments. OAP is starting to roll out fees for service options such as ABA. Families with funding can contact THRIVE for more information. Fee for service OT/SLP will occur in the next few months. Other proposals for OAP have gone in for this- such as School Readiness. Proposal for Urgent Response will be going in soon. A family can get support for 12 weeks. 	Tina Newell	
viii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Education Committee Meeting will be held next week. LOL in Elliot Lake has had significant work and is much improved. 	Jacques Ribout	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OLOF is much more accessible in Elliot Lake • Over \$150 million dollar funds have been received to provide fibre to all homes. This will provide access to the internet for these areas. 		
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (L. Connolly Beattie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Irma DiRenzo	
xi	TRUSTEES REPORT (S. Turco, G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board meeting was last wednesday and Rose has announced her retirement. Applications will be received and hopefully the new Director will be announced before the end of the year • The Board wishes Rose well in her retirement. • The grand opening for Sacred Heart in Espanola is on Oct. 7. • New administrators were introduced, Miranda Lambrushini and acting VP Michael Oliveria. • The summer programs were all reviewed at the board meeting. • Student trustee provided a presentation • Many policies were reviewed and new policies were discussed 		
9.	NOTES: Meeting adjourned:	Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm	Theresa Coccmiglio Gary Trembinski	

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God of Grace,

Help us to rediscover how to be side by side in rebuilding our communities of faith and learning.

Help us restore harmony and balance in our relationships, and renew our desire to approach challenges confidently and with peaceful hearts. May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings our lives hold. Amen.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2021

Location: TBA

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.