



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

**Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

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

[meet.google.com/cgc-pyuv-ibj](https://meet.google.com/cgc-pyuv-ibj)

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

**Student Trustees and Guests:** Christine Chilelli, Elizabeth Mannarino

**Regrets:** Lory Ivey, Jenna Viotto, Adam Morgenstern

| AGENDA ITEMS |   | ACTION  | WHO                        | WHEN |
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| 1.           | PRAYER FOR SEAC<br>Welcome                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board prayer was said by all.</li> </ul> | Rosanne Zagordo            |      |
| 2.           | ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS<br>MINUTES ( September 29, 2021) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were approved.</li> </ul>        | Irma Drenzo<br>Tina Newell |      |
| 3.           | AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES                                |   |                            |      |

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| 4. | <p>GUEST(s): REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMC student trustees</li> <li>• Presentation on the role of the LRT</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ILS class has a representative on the student council.</li> <li>• Technology has been used in a positive way to promote activities.</li> <li>• Student council has organized a welcome month.</li> <li>• Halloween week has been launched including a haunted house, bingo and jelly bean contest.</li> <li>• Christine Chilelli and Elizabeth Mannarino provided an overview of the Learning Resource Teacher role.</li> <li>• Programs such as Empower, Open Court and Phonological awareness kit were reviewed.</li> <li>• The special education duties for the LRT were also explained and some of which include updating plans such as Behaviour Plans, Safety Plans, ISTP plans and IEPs.</li> <li>• The LRTs are at each of the schools in the system and carry on the same responsibilities.</li> </ul> | <p>Chrisitne Chilelli<br/>Elizabeth Mannarino</p>         |  |
| 5  | <p>Ministry Updates</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccine disclosure and Rapid Antigen Testing has been the main focus</li> <li>• Updates to the school screening tool have been made</li> <li>• Vaccines for kids 5-11 has yet to be announced</li> </ul>  | <p>Rose Burton Spohn</p>                                  |  |
| 6. | <p>SEAC BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from Trillium Lakelands DSB</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from Trillium Lakelands DSB is asking for support concerning Bill 172; FASD support and planning.</li> </ul>   | <p>Rosanne Zagordo</p>                                    |  |
| 7. | <p>BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAC Calendar</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members reviewed the SEAC calendar.</li> </ul>  |   |  |
| 8. | <p>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCAT administration</li> <li>• Empower Reading</li> <li>• Mental Health Update</li> <li>• Survey</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empower Reading is up and running. We trained 7 new people. Sick Kids has offered a refresh program for Empower teachers not in their first year. Empower reading is running in all of our schools.</li> <li>• CCAT is up and running in all grade 4 classrooms</li> <li>• This is a standardized tool that is administered and data is used for a variety of reasons</li> </ul>  | <p>Joe Chilelli<br/>Rosanne Zagordo<br/>Jared Lambert</p> |  |

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|     |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor and inform class profiles for teaching opportunities</li> <li>• Initial screening tools for the after school enrichment program which will take place again this year.</li> <li>• The idea of a board survey was discussed. Those interested in the survey will be meeting with a sub committee to develop the survey.</li> <li>• Mental Health update; we continue to support mental health needs in the schools.</li> <li>• We continue to look at how we can best support students with a dual diagnosis, ex. Autism and anxiety.</li> <li>• Transitioning to in person has been a bit difficult for some students.</li> <li>• Secondary referrals are up this fall and we have created a list of needs for the counsellors</li> <li>• Sara Lepore will be returning November 1 and will be working at Holy Family and SMC.</li> <li>• X Fit is now live and all the training sessions have occurred.</li> <li>• MoodFit is also available and has custom notifications for users. We continue to plug these resources.</li> <li>• The implementation coach, Ashley Hendy, who is replacing Barry Findlay, has been announced.</li> </ul> |                     |  |
| i   | North Shore Tribal Council<br>(S. Kitts)                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone is back in the office and they are looking at hiring 4 more workers.</li> </ul>   | Sherri Kitts        |  |
| ii  | AUTISM ONTARIO SSM<br>CHAPTER<br>PARENT INVOLVEMENT<br>COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>   | Irma DiRenzo        |  |
| iii | ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES<br>(T. Coccimiglio)                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFS will be at 50 percent capacity, home and work</li> <li>• Dr. Ulzen was in town and continued to see clients.</li> <li>• The centre will be closed temporarily due to repairs but they are still able to work virtually</li> </ul>  | Theresa Coccimiglio |  |

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| v    | ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH<br>(L. Ivey)                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>   | Lori Ivey                       |  |
| vi   | THRIVE – WELL BEING<br>COMMITTEE<br>( T. Newell)             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Queen St. office is currently being worked on and not yet open to clients.</li> <li>Fee for services information can be answered from Tina Newell.</li> </ul>  | Tina Newell                     |  |
| viii | COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA<br>(J. Ribout)                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information for Shelley Moore has been provided from Jacques. Rosanne will send this out to SEAC.</li> </ul>   | Jacques Ribout                  |  |
| x    | MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS<br>ON FAITH<br>(L. Connolly Beattie) |   |                                 |  |
| xi   | TRUSTEES REPORT<br>(S. Turco, G. Trembinski)                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were 2 presentations for the Board Literacy Plan</li> <li>Courtney Cizinoski presented at the meeting to introduce herself</li> <li>SEAC minutes were approved from June</li> <li>Policies were reviewed.</li> <li>Response to SEAC recommendations were presented.</li> <li>SMC activity report were provided</li> <li>Opening of the new school- Sacred Heart in Espanola took place in early October.</li> <li>Retirement and 25 years of service will be taking place this week.</li> <li>Since Rose is retiring, the application process for the new director will take place shortly.</li> </ul> | Sandra Turco<br>Gary Trembinski |  |
| 8.   | NOTES<br>Adjournment of meeting                              |   | Irma Direnzo<br>Jacques Ribout  |  |

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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: November 24, 2021

Location: Google Meet Link

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.