



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

Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Google Meet: meet.google.com/cyi-kttw-iyu

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

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

Student Trustees and Guests: Adam Morgenstern, Jenna Viotto

Regrets: Theresa Coccimiglio

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 (November 24, 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted. 	Sherri Kitts Tina Newell	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC student trustee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion has been seen by Heaven Cent tours Students with special needs have been participating in all events 	Adam Morgenstern Jenna Viotto	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franca Spadafora- Our Lady of Lourdes Principal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMS has been used widely • There is a Grade 12 LMS page for scholarships and anything relevant to Gr. 12s along with University Virtual Tours • ILS class is actively engaged in Heaven Cent, and dress down days, selling popcorn and wrapping gifts for the giving tree. • Franca prepared a slide show to present to SEAC • Empower and Open court programs are running • Zones of Regulation are embedded in all groups. • Kindness program is running at OLOL • Feeling Bingo is also available • Boom Card is used for students who are non-verbal. • Sensory Room is operational for those students who require this. • The V.E.E.R. program is also being used (Vigorous Exercise for Emotional Regulation). There are many benefits for students using this program. • Students with special needs are included and use the communication board to communicate with the students. • There is a calming room that is available for students who require it. • Lexia Reading Core 5 is being used daily in the grades 4 and 5 classroom. • LYFT formally TLLP, grant proposal was put in which involves networking with other LRTs to improve programming for students with special needs. • Student and Family Counsellor is available to the students at OLOL. 	<p>Franca Spadafora</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>MINISTRY UPDATES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPM 144 will be revised and by September 2022, all boards policies will be updated. • Vaccines ages 5-11 are now rolling out. PCR testing is now available to our students who may be close contacts. The Ministry has sent out a specific number of kits for those who may need it. • Winter break students will be assigned Rapid Antigen Tests, 5 tests for each student. 	<p>Rose Burton Spohn</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Selection of Services for the Ontario Autism Program has been announced. THRIVE is one of our providers 		
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some of the numerical data was shared. We had excellent uptake from parents and guardians-roughly 800 participants. 77 percent from within SSM participated Below 10 percent from the north participated Communication between school and home and accessing the teacher all moved in a strong direction. Overall participants felt very comfortable approaching the school with any communication. Students with special needs were being supported by an IEP and were consulted in the development January 5, 2022, Irma and Jared will meet to thank families who completed the survey and look at next steps. 	Jared Lambert Irma DiRenzo	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OLOL Presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franca Spadafora, principal, presented to SEAC about Our Lady of Lourdes school. 	Franca Spadafora	
8.	SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe expressed his thoughts about the continuity of reading interventions and board wide initiatives. The Financial report will be presented in January. The Gratitude Challenge has started again. Staff have been submitting the names of their colleagues who are deserving of Gratitude. Prizes have been purchased for this. 	Joe Chilelli Jared Lambert	
i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone is back in the office. There are 22 cases of COVID in Garden River. 	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"> Children's Christmas event is being held on Wednesday December 8, 2021. 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 	Lori Ivey	
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive through Christmas event did not happen. 	Tina Newell	

	(T. Newell)			
viii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shifting resources from case management to direct support. The emphasis is more on direct support especially in the Children's services. At the Education Meeting, an Inclusion Contest was discussed and due in February. More information to follow. Shelley Moore is still being discussed as an option as a guest speaker. More information to follow. 	Jacques Ribout	
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 (G. Trembinski, Sandra Turco)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive presentations from SMC. Anthony Mannarino presented about busing/transportation and he was able to answer any questions. SEAC minutes were approved. SMC activity report was presented Trustees are attending a seminar January 14, 2022. Joe will follow up with Anthony Mannarino to present at SEAC. 	Gary Trembinski Sandra Turco	
9.	Minutes by: Rosanne Zagordo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was adjourned @ 5:50 pm 		

Next Meeting: NEW DATE and TIME: January 20, 2022

Location: Google Meet

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.