



**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**Minutes**

**Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

**Google Meet:** [meet.google.com/emc-kcir-asd](https://meet.google.com/emc-kcir-asd)

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

**Attendance:** Joe Chilelli, Theresa Coccimiglio, Tina (Newell) Coombs, Irma DiRenzo, Lori Ivey, Jared Lambert, Fil Lettieri, Gary Trembinski, Sandra Turco, Danny Viotto, Rosanne Zagordo

**Student Trustees and Guests:** Christine Durocher, Jenna Viotto

**Regrets:** Sherri Kitts, Jacques Ribout, Adam Morgenstern

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome new Superintendent Fil Lettieri</li> <li>Farewell to Joe Chilelli</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board prayer was said by all</li> <li>Welcome to our new Superintendent responsible for Special Education-Fil Lettieri</li> <li>Farewell to Joe Chilelli, who will no longer have the Special Education portfolio.</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio Rosanne Zagordo	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES ( January 20, 2022 )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were accepted.</li> </ul>	Gary Trembinski Tina Coombs	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Student Trustee report was added under guest reports.</li> </ul>	Rosanne Zagordo	
4.	GUEST(S): REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Health and Safety Report was shared by Christine Durocher- Superintendent of Education</li> </ul>	Christine Durocher	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christine Durocher-Health and Safety Report</li> <li>Student Trustee Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMC activities have been planned to support Anti Bullying, snow creations, and guess the candy in the candy jars. Students in grades 5-8 are still coming to SMC for special events.</li> <li>Learners with special needs are supported through our Impact initiative and all you need is Love campaign.</li> <li>Technology is still supported through LMS and Google classroom.</li> <li>Students have purchased pink shirts.</li> <li>Transition meetings in March have been set.</li> <li>Transition visits to ILS started in January .</li> </ul>	Jenna Viotto	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSN funding was announced to school boards last week.</li> <li>Mid to late March we will know how much money we will have allocated to our Board.</li> <li>The ministry has released a 5 point plan to support boards. Student mental health, increase Special Education amount and SEA PPA. The learning recovery gap is a significant priority along with mental health.</li> </ul>	Danny Viotto	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from Algoma DSB-FASD</li> <li>Letter from Durham DSB-SIP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The letter reinforces a familiar message that school boards in Ontario need to develop policies and guidelines with FASD and require the Ontario College of Teachers to provide training with respect to FASD. This is a letter of support.</li> <li>Letter from DDSB states that the Ministry of Education provisions for the Special Incidence Portion (SIP) is inadequate. The claw back of the SIP increase along with the reallocation to the Special Education Per Pupil Amount resulted in a net decrease in funding, further increasing the DDSB's Special Education deficit. DDSB SEAC is extremely concerned by the direction funding for special education is taking, leaving our most vulnerable children further at risk.</li> <li>DDSB is asking that the Minister re-evaluate the true costs associated with SIP claims to support students and increase funding accordingly.</li> </ul>	Rosanne Zagordo	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			

8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Joe's items</li> <li>● Fil's items</li> <li>● Aspen/IEP module update</li> <li>● Transition to School updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Joe Chilelli spoke about the tiered system.</li> <li>● Mental Health has expanded over time and support in the North and East along with a protocol for virtual counselling and summer counselling.</li> <li>● The Moodfit app was highlighted in our Board and licenses for X movement and VEER</li> <li>● Behaviour Coaches were also implemented.</li> <li>● ASD and Behaviour supports were increased.</li> <li>● Self contained classes continue to be supported.</li> <li>● Streamlining the SIP process has proved to be beneficial. and ELP programs</li> <li>● CCAT was added to provide standardized measures along with the Enrichment program up to grades 4 and 5. Reading supports were expanded.</li> <li>● IEPs were revamped and reviewed.</li> <li>● Fil restated the good work our Board has done over the years in this area.</li> <li>● He is connecting with all principals/vps to gain an understanding of the needs and challenges at each of the schools</li> <li>● IEP's have been sent home and we are now working on the Alternative Report Card option.</li> <li>● Enrichment program is about to begin on March 8, 2022. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 10 sessions.</li> <li>● The Grade 4 program starts in April.</li> </ul>	<p>Joe Chilelli</p> <p>Fil Lettieri</p> <p>Rosanne Zagordo</p>	
i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Sherri Kitts	
ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Irma Drenzo	
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Moving to in person soon at AFS</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio	
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Preschool speech and language services have been transferred to THRIVE.</li> <li>● Soft transfer to THRIVE has started.</li> <li>● April 1, will be the start of services to THRIVE and Lori's last meeting.</li> </ul>	Lori Ivey	

vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE ( T. Coombs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer of services is now happening and starting May 1 the agency is expanding rapidly.and many job opportunities are available.</li> </ul>	Tina Coombs	
viii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Jacques Ribout	
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Irma Direnzo	
xi	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski, S. Turco)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAC minutes were passed.</li> <li>• Presentation from Jared on Mental Health in Schools</li> <li>• Young leaders presentation</li> </ul>	Gary Trembinski Sandra Turco	
9.	NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjournment was at 5:30 pm.</li> </ul>	Gary Trembinski Lori Ivey	

Next Meeting: March 30, 2022

Location: Google Meet

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.