



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S.E.A.C.

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022

<https://meet.google.com/wii-mryt-vcx>

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Attendance: Theresa Coccimiglio, Tina Coombs, Irma DiRenzo, Chelsy Hannah, Sherri Kitts, Jared Lambert, Fil Lettieri, Jacques Ribout, Gary Trembinski, Sandra Turco, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Jenna Viotto

Regrets: Adam Morgenstern, Danny Viotto

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC Welcome and prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer was said by all. 	Rosanne Zagordo Theresa Coccimiglio	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (April 27, 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted. 	Sherri Kitts Tina Coombs	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC Student Trustees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion at SMC- elections for student council were filled except for Junior VP, where there was a vote. There was an online poll for voting this year. 	Jenna Viotto	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There were computers in the lobby for those who didn't have a computer. ● There is a carnival on June 3- Grade 8's will be coming to participate in the activities. ● Social media posts are available ● ILS is going on adventures outside as part of their program. 		
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The new de-streamed Grade 9 Science course replaces Science, Grade 9, Academic (SNC1D) and Science, Grade 9, Applied (SNC1P) and will be implemented in classrooms across the province starting in September 2022, along with the revised elementary Science and Technology curriculum. As of September 2022, SNC1D and SNC1P should not be offered, and these course codes will expire at the end of the 2021-22 school year. As such, any grade 9 Science courses taught at Summer School would be based on the current Applied or Academic curriculum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The revised course is available to all parents, teachers and students on the Curriculum and Resources website at Ontario.ca/curriculum. As with all revised curriculum, a key changes document and parent guide are available to outline new learning in the course. Educators will also have access to professional learning opportunities, including ministry hosted webinars, which will be made available on the Curriculum and Resources website. ➤ The ministry is also partnering with third party organizations, including k2i academy at York University, Ontario Science Centre, Science 	Fil Lettieri	

		<p>North and Sustain Ontario, to ensure educators have access to a variety of implementation support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government has received a significant amount of feedback on the proposed changes to Bill 81 (Provision of health support services in school settings). Certainly directors and boards expressed many concerns. There will be no formal communication from the Ministry, however, CODE has been informed that the government is not in a position to move forward on the PPM for September 2022, as they require more time to fully review all the feedback. The Ministry is continuing to review the feedback they received. • https://www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/sci-tech-key-changes 		
6.	<p>SEAC BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAC Recommendations • Special Education Plan • Letter from Near North DSB • Letter from Kenora CDSB • Letter from Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This letter from Near North DSB is sharing a common concern expressed by other school boards regarding online learning supports, accessibility and universal design for Learning in provincial online learning resources and the platforms used to access these resources. • The second letter from Kenora CDSB requests the Minister to evaluate the true costs associated with SIP claims to support students and increase funding accordingly. Further to the request, that the Special Education funding model be reviewed and changed to accurately reflect the increasing and more complex needs of students with special needs. • This letter from Kawartha Pine DSB addresses the current nursing shortage and how it affects students in schools who require nursing care. It is recommended that updates to the 'Family Managed Home Care/Self Directed Care program eligibility requirements now include parents/guardians of students with complex medical needs that prevent 	Rosanne Zagordo	

		them from attending school due to the shortage of nurses.		
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing SEAC meeting times		September

8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EA projections ● Staffing is in progress ● Classroom Organizations ● Transition to Kindergarten Meetings ● New Counsellors in the East ● Northern Adjustment Category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Krista Abraham, our Student & Family Counsellor in the East, resigned from her position two weeks after returning from Maternity Leave. We were able to hire Michelle Walsh, who was replacing Krista, on a permanent basis as well as an additional Student & Family Counsellor, Samantha Carley, who will join our Mental Health Team in September 2022. The Wellness Coach position will not be renewed. ● HSCDSB Procedures for Jordan's Principle Funding was shared at the most recent Principals' Meeting. This was done to ensure a consistent approach is implemented system-wide in accordance with the purpose of the funds, which is to be an enhancement in service. ● We are in the process of revising our EA allotments per school to reflect funding within the budget and the needs at each school. Principals will be receiving classroom organizations next week, which is pertinent information in determining how they will strategically assign EAs to classes based on shared/cluster support. ● The Enrichment Program concluded on Thursday, May 19th. I had an opportunity to participate in the program as a guest speaker. A media release will be forthcoming. ● School board trustees approved the appointment of Melanie Ross as a new SEAC member at large. ● Melanie is a Learning Specialist in the Community Integration Through Cooperative Education Program at Sault College, whereby she works to support students with learning disabilities, social 	<p>Fil Lettieri Rosanne Zagordo</p>	
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a.	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They hired an ASW worker at Holy Cross. • There is a Graduation parade being planned • We hired a special education driver. 	Sherri Kitts	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Irma Direnzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ulzen is coming to Sault Ste. Marie, • There is a new program at AFS that partners with the board for Human Sex Trafficking • Deborah Irwin has retired from AFS. • Sandy Leith and Jeanne Barnett are in discussion with the HSCDSB to talk about the Care and Treatment programs. • AFS will be taking a lead about the Breakfast program 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Coombs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THRIVE appreciates the board's support as they transition to housing the ICDP and SLP programs. • June will be Tina's last meeting until September 2023. A replacement for her is in progress. 	Tina Coombs	

e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelley Moore is planning to come to Sault Ste. Marie and work with the school boards as much as they are possible on the October 24 th PD day. 	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (C, Hannah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment solutions has a program running through the summer. There are 20 hours of training and the target is youth that have a lot of barriers to work through. There is a secondary program starting soon. The age range is 15-18. 	Chelsy Hannah	
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 	Irma DiRenzo	
h.	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski, S. Turco)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Shore Tribal council presented to the Trustees. Debbie Mayer resigned and a new trustee has been appointed- Brent Bassillion. SEAC member at large was approved The Right to Disconnect report was announced The new student trustee- Owen Middleton was announced. 	Gary Trembinski Sandra Turco	
9.	NOTES Minutes by: Rosanne Zagordo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjournment at 5:47 pm. 	Jacques Ribout Irma DiRenzo	

Next Meeting: June 8, 2022

Location: Google Meet

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.