



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

Date: Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/rzq-tzdu-fge

Location: Room #6 Board Office

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Attendance: John Caputo, Kasia Ceglaz, Theresa Coccimiglio, Sherri Kitts, Jared Lambert, Fil Lettieri, Jacques Ribout, Melanie Ross, Tiana Rushon, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Owen Middleton

Regrets: Jenna Viotto, Irma DiRenzo

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC Welcome, Land Acknowledgment, and Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New SEAC member • New Trustee to SEAC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer was said by all. • Welcome John Caputo, board trustee, to SEAC • Welcome to Tiana Rushon who was recently approved by the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board and is representing Easter Seals Ontario. 	Fil Lettieri	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (October 26, 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were approved. 	Gary Trembinski Kasia Ceglaz	

3.	<p>AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Natalie Barry from Garden River has been deferred • K-12 Education SDC from Irma has been deferred. • Gary Trembinski- address to SEAC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary brought forward having our SEAC meetings int schools again. In the past principals would sign up to host a meeting in their schools. • Fil has sent out a Google sheet for Principals/VPs to sign and indicate their interest about hosting a SEAC meeting. • Presentation by Natalie Barry was deferred. • K-12 Education SDC document review was deferred. 	<p>Sherri Kitts Natalie Barry Irma DiRenzo Gary Trembinski</p>	
4.	<p>GUEST(s): REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Trustees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 visits to SMC have been organized • Tutors and teachers are available to provide extra support for students who require it. • LMS and Chromebooks are utilized daily. • Students had an opportunity to be part of the Santa Claus float for SMC. • ILS gone to field trips recently • Christmas related activities will be made available to all students. • Heaven Cent Campaign is starting. 	<p>Owen Middleton</p>	
5.	<p>MINISTRY UPDATES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contingency Planning for CUPE Strike <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Ministry of Education (EDU) recommended that school boards adopt a school hub model to provide in-person instruction for students with special needs. This was an approach we put forward to EDU during the first strike. • CUPE Collective Bargaining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tentative agreement was reached and is awaiting ratification • Parent Engagement Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Through the GSN, EDU provides each school board with base funding to support the parent engagement activities of its school councils and Parent Involvement Committee (PIC). ➤ For the 2022-23 school year, the total Parent Engagement allocation has three components, calculated as follows, per Board: 	<p>Fil Lettieri</p>	

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PIC component (\$5000 + \$0.17 per average daily enrolment of pupils) - \$5, 662 2. School Council Component - \$473.68 3. PRO component (\$1500 + \$500 per school) - \$10, 000 		
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intent to remain on SEAC for new term ● Election of Chair ● MACSE ● Committee Members ● Review of Special Education Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Renewing interest to serve on SEAC for 2022-2026 (Refer to PAAC). Please submit letter to Rosanne Zagordo by Monday, December 5th. Ask organization you represent to identify an alternate. ● CSC Presentations - Holy Cross on Mon., Dec. 5th and St. Basil on Tues., Dec. 6th ● MACSE will be reviewed by members on an ongoing basis. We will leave this as a standing item and develop a Google Doc to add information on. 	Fil Lettieri Theresa Coccimiglio	January
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting time ● K-12 Education SDC ● Natalie Barry- Presentation 		Theresa Coccimiglio Irma DiRenzo Natalie Barry	December January
8.	SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental Health Update-Survey ● Behaviour Coach ● Special Education Dept. Poster ● Contingency Plans for CUPE job action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student & Family Counsellor in the NORTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Three applications to date - Interviews will take place on December 7th ● Behaviour Coach - Welcome, Vickie Kearns! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Navigator for Autism Ontario, worked as a Senior Therapist Child Community Resources, and recently a lead for the Urgent Response for Child Community Network ● <u>Student Census Information Session</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Review FAQ and sample questions at a 	Fil Lettieri Rosanne Zagordo Jared Lambert	

		<p>future SEAC meeting due to time restrictions, today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EQAO Data will be shared at our next meeting. Presentation to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting. Data is public. ● Parent Involvement Committee - SEAC Representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ 1st Meeting is Monday, November 28th ➢ Kasia Ceglaz is the representative ● Rosanne reviewed the Special Education Department poster. ● Jared provided a Mental Health update to SEAC. 		
a.	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sherri has attended student meetings at schools mostly about student behaviours. 		
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report at this time. 		
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AFS is finally up and running. ● Services from birth to 6, counselling and therapy, link to the hospital, adult services and Genesis program is shared with AFS ● Single session therapy is offered at AFS to help alleviate the waitlist. 		
d.	THRIVE – Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) (K. Ceglaz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Entry to School meetings. New cohort will start in January, the first set of invites have gone out. 		
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Robout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CLA- supports many students ● Sergio Iacoe will be joining SEAC for a presentation on services ● Shelley Moore- there will be more follow up sessions. ● There are 137 children on the waitlist waiting for services. 		
f.	Easter Seals Ontario (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 100 year anniversary. ● Various events are in place but most are down south. ● letter to the directors will be sent out regarding Accessibility and Inclusion - May 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to promote Red Shirt Day to promote Accessibility and Inclusion- more info to follow. 		
g	Member at large- Melanie Ross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a gap between technology from secondary to Soo College in terms of assistive technology. 		
h..	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. Direnzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 		
h.	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski, J. Caputo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal election is over and two new people were elected- John Bruno and Carol Amadio. At the inauguration mass, Gary would like to invite SEAC to this event. He would like committee members to attend this even. 		
10	Notes:	Bring SEAC prayer to January meeting Parent Guide send to Sherri Kitts Google Doc to MACSE to Fil Department Poster to John Caputo Ask Jim to move the plan to Publications with Jim Fitz.		

Next Meeting: December 7, 2022

Location: Quattro Vinoteca Restaurant

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.