



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

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Location: MSJCEC Room #6

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Google Meet: meet.google.com/dtu-hriy-csk

Attendance: John Caputo, Karisa Ceglarz, Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma DiRenzo, Sherri Kitts, Jared Lambert, Fil Lettieri, Jacques Ribout, Tiana Rushon, Melanie Ross, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Justin Pino

Regrets: Owen Middleton, Jenna Viotto

| AGENDA ITEMS | | ACTION | WHO | WHEN |
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| 1. | PRAYER FOR SEAC Welcome, Land Acknowledgment and Prayer | <ul style="list-style-type: none">OCSTA Video Contest - SFFI Submission | Fil Lettieri Gary Trembinski | |
| 2. | ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (December 7, 2022) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">SEAC Minutes - Wed., Dec. 7, 2022 ➤ Minutes were accepted. | Sherri Kitts Melanie Ross | |
| 3. | AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES | | | |
| 4. | GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">SMC Trustee Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">No report at this time. | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justin Pino - Special Ed. Financial Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEAC Financial Report 2022-2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justin reviewed the financial report. | Justin Pino | |
| 5. | MINISTRY UPDATES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership and Priorities Funding (PPF) Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Students with Special Education Needs in Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boards were provided with funding dedicated to enhancing support in Mathematics for students with special education needs. Examples include purchasing resources and hiring additional Math Coaches. Special Education AQ Subsidies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board received funding to provide up to 10 subsidies to cover the full cost of Special Ed. Additional Qualification courses. Summer Transition Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for the program has been renewed for this summer. | Fil Lettieri | |
| 6. | SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Chair SEAC Recommendations Committee MACSE Review of Special Education Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theresa Coccimiglio was elected Chair and Irma Drenzo was elected Vice-Chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair and Vice-Chair will participate in setting the agenda together and work collaboratively. The Chair can serve for a maximum of two consecutive years, in accordance with the Board's governance policy for Trustees. Review Meeting Procedures (i.e., Robert's Rules of Order) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pose questions through the Chair and wait to be addressed by the Chair before speaking Proposed Schedule to Review Special Education Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEAC agreed to the proposed schedule and will review each section in advance of the next meeting for discussion and feedback. | Fil Lettieri Theresa Coccimiglio Rosanne Zagordo | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following people have put their name forward to sit on the SEAC Recommendations Committee: Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma Direnzo, Melanie Ross, Tiana Rushon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ More details about the meeting times will be provided by Theresa. | | |
| 7. | BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Time CSC Presentations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed change to meeting time will be discussed at the February meeting. | | February |
| 8. | SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to SEAC Recommendations Student Census | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Response to the SEAC Recommendations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fil reviewed the steps that have been taken to date to fulfill the SEAC Recommendations. <u>EQAO Results</u> - deferred to next month <u>Student Census Information Session</u> - deferred to next month SEAC Meetings in Schools - deferred to next month Mental Health Update - deferred to next month | Fil Lettieri Rosanne Zagordo | |
| a. | North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been lots of meetings at schools for student behaviours Lots of referrals to Jordan's Principle | Sherri Kitts | |
| b. | AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a regional chapter; we are part of the north region. There was an opportunity to have a meeting with the region's SEAC chair. AO is looking at putting out a monthly newsletter | Irma DiRenzo | |
| c. | ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie Fetherston is a newly hired manager at AFS. The youth hub is now on Dennis Street and in the process of being renovated. AFS has a new fundraiser - \$150 a ticket and a chance to win a trip. | Theresa Coccimiglio | |

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| d. | THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (K. Ceglarz) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry to school will be starting in March and located at SMFI. Staff will be supporting students into school. | Kasiz Ceglarz | |
| e. | COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up with Shelley Moore is being planned to continue the good work she has done with her first presentation. CLA is doing a presentation to SEAC in February. CLA is doing a contest called Together we do better. There are prizes. | Jacques Ribout | |
| f. | MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a new semester starting at Sault College there can be a rise of Mental Health needs. There is a program started to support this. Students are encouraged to seek support by fellow students. | Melanie Ross | |
| g | Easter Seals- Tiana Rushon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Seals has a fundraiser called Snowarama, proceeds go to support families | Tiana Rushon | |
| g. | MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. Drenzo) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. | | |
| h. | TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski, J. Caputo) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gary thanked everyone for their support during the Inaugural Mass. Many thanks to those who supported during the trying time of the Cyber incident. John thanked the Admin Council for their support to get students back online after our Cyber incident. | Gary Trembinski John Caputo | |
| 9. | NOTES | | | |

Next Meeting: February 22, 2023

Location: TBA

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

