



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

**Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

**Location: OLOL or [Google Meet](#)**

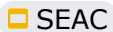
**Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

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

**Student Trustees and Guests:** Wendy Koprash, Owen Middleton, Jessica Murray, Mike Oliveira, Franca Spadafora, Anita Turcotte, Jenna Viotto, Beth West

**Regrets:** Melanie Ross

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC Welcome, Prayer and Land Acknowledgment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">SEAC Prayer</a></li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio Fil Lettieri Rosanne Zagordo	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (March 29, 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">March 29 SEAC Minutes</a></li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo Sherri Kitts	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(S): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMC Trustees</li> <li>Anita Turcotte, Beth West</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 9 is the Relay for Life at SMC. All are welcome to join and fundraise.</li> </ul>	Owen Middleton Jenna Viotto Anita Turcotte	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Franca Spadafora and Mike Oliveira</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student council elections are coming up and all are welcome to apply</li> <li>Link crew applications are due</li> <li>Night of music is happening May 5</li> <li>Impact is still ongoing- Anti Bullying</li> <li>SMC radio is making its presence once a week.</li> <li>Teachers and guidance counselors are still working with students each day along with tutors.</li> <li>There is discussion to offer more school clubs at SMC</li> <li>ILS classroom is now having their ITP and IPRC meetings along with Grade 8 transition meetings.</li> <li>Bowling tournament is happening on May 5 with the specialized classrooms and ADSB specialized classrooms.</li> <li>Literacy Intervention presentation was provided by Anita Turcotte and Beth West. See presentation link:   SEAC</li> </ul>	<p>Beth West  Franca Spadafora  Wendy Koprash  Jessica Murray</p>	
5.	<b>MINISTRY UPDATES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Education Updates- Funding announcements</li> </ul>	<b>Ministry Updates: <a href="#">Ministry Updates</a></b>	Fil Lettieri	
6.	<b>SEAC BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from Bruce Grey DSB</li> <li>Letter from Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB</li> <li>SEAC email discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Letter from Bruce Grey SB</a></li> <li><a href="#">Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB</a></li> <li>There was discussion about creating a generic SEAC email address for those who wish to connect with SEAC. We will follow up with this in May.</li> </ul>	<p>Fil Lettieri  Rosanne Zagordo</p>	May
7.	<b>BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Special Ed plan pages 15-21</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to review and submit potential changes to the Special Ed Plan.</li> <li>For April's meeting, review pages</li> </ul>	Fil Lettieri	

8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT, SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR, MENTAL HEALTH LEADER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EA Projections</li> <li>Kindergarten Transitions and System IPRCs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition to Kindergarten meetings are now in full swing. Meetings are being held at the school to include the school teams, agencies and families</li> <li>System IPRCs are in progress. Meetings are being held in person at schools.</li> <li>Wellness coach now supporting to the North school as the counselor there is now on leave</li> <li><b>Presentations to CSC - Refer to email of upcoming dates</b></li> <li><b>Student Census</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Extended to Friday, May 5th to coincide with Catholic Education</b></li> <li><b>Incentivized participation</b></li> <li><b>Parent engagement opportunities (e.g., April Social at Rankin Arena, GRFN Education Department, Holy Angels Drop-In Newcomers Social, Hubs, etc.)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>PIC Event - STEAM Family Night June 5th, 6th, 7th</b></li> </ul>	<p>Fil Lettieri</p> <p>Rosanne Zagordo</p> <p>Jared Lambert</p>	
a.	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new Education manager has been secured for Garden River. Connie Traves is now the new manager.</li> </ul>	Sherri Kitts	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irma was at a provincial SEAC meeting with Lynn Ziraldo.</li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Ulzen is returning to AFS for meetings. He comes to SSM every 3-4 months.</li> <li>There have been a lot of changes to AFS recently in terms of staffing.</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The groups that are being offered at THRIVE were reviewed. There are many groups such as toileting</li> </ul>	Kasia Ceglarz	

	( K. Ceglarz)	group, children's friendship training. You need an OAP number to join.		
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Robout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once active list who are supported by CLA, organized by school or service.</li> <li>Still working on Shelley Moore coming back to SSM with a virtual session.</li> </ul>	Jacques Ribout	
f.	Easter Seals (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easter Seals is gearing up for National Accessibility Week- May 29-June 2.</li> <li>Red shirt day is going to be May 31, 2023</li> <li>Resources have been distributed to school boards, with many suggested activities.</li> <li>T shirts can be ordered or you can wear your own red shirt. Proceeds will go to Easter Seals.</li> </ul>	Tiana Rushon	
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>		
h.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The art piece for the symposium- Adult Faith Formation (ICE) is being designed by Adriano DiCerbo's art class</li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo	
i.	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski, J. Caputo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The trustees are pleased to be touring the schools..</li> <li>The trustees visited the STEAM lab and were amazed at all the great learning that was happening.</li> </ul>	John Caputo Gary Trembinski	
9.	NOTES	Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.	Kasia Ceglarz Sherri Kitts	

**Next Meeting:** May 31, 2023

**Location:** Board Office, Board Meeting Room

**Time:** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

