



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

Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2023

**Location: Board Meeting Room
Board Office**

Google Meet link: meet.google.com/gjx-daaa-rzn

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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

Student Trustees and Guests: Owen Middleton, Jenna Viotto

Regrets: Gary Trembinski

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC Welcome, Prayer and Land Acknowledgment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEAC Prayer Land Acknowledgement 	Jared Lambert Fil Lettieri	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (April 26, 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved. 	Jacques Ribout Sherri Kitts	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			

4.	GUEST(S): REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relay for Life is happening on June 9. All students are welcome and teams are registering. Movie event was held along with a blue and yellow dress down day. Teachers continue to stay after school to support students along with online tutoring. Students will continue to need support as they prepare for exams. Four ILS students are getting ready to graduate this year. 		
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<p>Ministry Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Education is funding a Math Lead position for the 2023-2024 school year through Partnership and Priorities Funding (PPF). The position is to be staffed as a Supervisory Officer. As a result, our school board hired Franca Spadafora as a Superintendent of Education. 	Fil Lettieri	
6.	<p>SEAC BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MACSE Review Special Education Plan-Pages 21 to the end. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCDSB SEAC letter DCDSB SEAC letter SEAC draft recommendations were read. Review the Special Education Plan and if there are any other suggestions, please email them to Rosanne Zagordo. 	Rosanne Zagordo Melanie Ross Theresa Coccimiglio	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S and M REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates to Special Education website System Updates- ILS 	<p>Superintendent Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of school day for students in ILS and ACE, which will involve students having an opportunity to take new courses (e.g., Foods and Visual Arts) Easter Seals' National Accessibility Week and Red Shirt Day today Updates to the board website have been made: 	Fil Lettieri Rosanne Zagordo Jared Lambert	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Special Education plan icon is more visible, there is a generic SEAC email that goes directly to Fil Letteri and Rosanne Zagordo,, all the names of the members are listed, there is a link to join the virtual meeting. • Students who are in the ILS programs at SMC and ACE at St. Basil will now be dismissed at the same time as the rest of school. In the past, the students in the ILS program were dismissed 40 minutes earlier than the student body. Students in ACE were also dismissed earlier than the rest of the school. • Today is red shirt day in support of Easter Seals • SHMO is going to release some materials for grades 7 and 8. Mental Health promotions will be coming out of that. 		
a.	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are working on our graduation parade. In the past there was a banquet, but now they have moved to a parade. The feedback has been positive and each graduate is acknowledged. • Gary Trembinski and Sandra Turco will be visiting the Garden River Education Unit. 	Sherri Kitts	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The one to one summer reimbursement is available. • Summer camp program- people are encouraged to apply. 	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ulzen is providing OTN appointments for clients. • Family pride event is starting June 5 on Chapple St. Hub. • June 25- Community Strong event will be held • The Iris- last Wednesday of every month. This group is in support of women who had a miscarriage 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (K. Ceglarz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report at this time. 	Kasia Ceglarz	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLA continues to plan for Shelley Moore • CLA staff continues to provide support to school teams. • A question was asked about projected accessibility plans for the board. 	Jacques Ribout	

f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 8 is Convocation for CICE students. • Independence checklist is being developed to give to prospective students before entering the program. A copy will be sent to Rosanne Zagordo. 	Melanie Ross	
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. Direnzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Irma DiiRenzo	
h.	Easter Seals (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red shirt day is today and sponsored by Easter Seals. 	Tlana Rushon	
h.	TRUSTEES REPORT (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School tours have been continuing and the trustees are very impressed with each of the schools they have visited. • Sensory rooms, Veer programs along with the inclusionary strategies have been noted. 	John Caputo Gary Trembinski	
9.	NOTES	Adjournment: 6:00 pm	Kasia Ceglarz Sherri Kitts	

Next Meeting: June 7, 2023

Location: Board Meeting Room -4:00 pm
Dinner to follow at 5:00 pm- Mill Street Steakhouse
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