



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

Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Location: Board Office Meeting Room

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/acs-ajyg-dvq>

Attendance: Tina Coombs, Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma DiRenzo, Sherri Kitts, Jared Lambert, Fil Lettieri, Jacques Ribout, Melanie Ross, Tiana Rushon, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Kenzie Garson, Owen Middleton, Christina Principe

Regrets: John Caputo, Mya Jensen

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Indigenous Education - HSCDSB PRAYER FOR SEAC Catholicity - HSCDSB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer was said by all. 	Fil Lettieri	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (October 25, 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted. 	Gary Trembinski Tiana Rushon	

3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Trustees from SMC 	SEAC November Trustee Report	Owen Middleton Kenzie Garson Mya Jensen	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no Ministry updates at this time pertaining to Special Education 	Fil Lettieri	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MACSE UPDATES Election of Chair/Vice Chair PIC Representation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MACSE updates were reviewed. The election of the board chair/vice chair will be conducted at the December meeting. Part of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is to have a SEAC member on it. A standing item on the PIC agenda is to provide the SEAC report. Currently, they are looking for a SEAC member to sit on this committee. If you are interested, please forward your name to the Special Education Coordinator. 	Fil Lettieri	December
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee members for PIC, FOF, Wellness, Chair and Vice Chair Committee will be discussed at the next meeting. 		December
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to the SEAC Recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SEAC recommendations were shared and discussed. We are planning to open up a Communication Classroom in the new year. This class would support communication goals with authentic integration. Parents would need to consent to this placement. More information will follow. We have been actively looking for a school psychologist who can assist with testing, serve on our multi disciplinary team and support services that are offered in the department. The Mental Health Leader attended Violence Traumatic Response Assessment (VTRA), which is a protocol and assessment that our board can engage in when there are significant and severe situations against people's safety. Community partners come together at a meeting that is hosted 	Fil Lettieri Rosanne Zagordo Jared Lambert	

		<p>by many community members. Our goal is to have a protocol set up with the Algoma District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many thanks to Melanie Ross and Allie McKeachnie, Learning Specialist and Employment Liaison Officer at Sault College, representing the CICE program. The presenters were part of the PD session to LRTs on November 10, 2023 sharing the details of the CICE program. 		
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
a.	NORTH SHORE TRIBAL COUNCIL (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Sherri Kitts	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism Ontario November 	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Hub is opening up and online counselling is opening. AFS is part of the Community Resource Centre 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Coombs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition to School Notification meetings are starting up for students coming to school for September 2024. • Dr. Korneluk was in town conducting assessments. 	Tina Coombs	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a good program called Employable Me through TVO. 	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC- Program Advisory Meeting was held today at Sault College. The PAC advisory team welcomed Rosanne Zagordo and Theresa Coccimiglio as new members, representing HSCDSB and AFS. 	Melanie Ross	
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Irma DiRenzo	
h.	EASTER SEALS (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving Tuesday is held on November 28. This is a reminder to donate to Easter ‘seals 	Tiana Rushon	
i.	TRUSTEES’ REPORTS (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Trembinski was voted back in as Chair and John Bruno is the new Vice Chair. The Inaugural mass will be held on December 13- all SEAC members are welcome. 	Gary Trembinski	

10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm 	Sherri Kitts Gary Trembinski	
11.	NOTES: February- SFFI March- SMFI, April- St. Paul May- St. Basil- future meetings Schools to invite Parent Councils			

Next Meeting: December 6, 2023

Location: Board Office Meeting Room 4:00-5:00 pm

Dinner: 5:00-6:00 pm at Ernie's Coffee Shop

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