



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

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Location: St Francis French Immersion

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/bdo-rjst-zot>

Attendance: John Caputo, Tina Coombs, Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma DiRenzo, Sherri Kitts (alt), Jared Lambert, Rachelle Lambert, Fil Lettieri, Melanie Ross, Tiana Rushon, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Shawna Bock, Mirinda Friscolanti, Kenzie Garson, Owen Middleton

Regrets: Jacques Ribout

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachelle Lambert from Batchewana First Nation LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & BOARD PRAYER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Acknowledgment and Prayer was said by all. 	Fil Lettieri	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (January 31, 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEAC Meeting Minutes - January 31, 2024 Minutes were accepted. 	Tina Coombs Tiana Rushon	

3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC Student Trustee Report Shawna Bock- Acting Principal SFFI and Mirinda Friscolanti, LRT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attached report. February '24 SEAC Report Presentation was provided by Shawna Bock and Mirinda Friscolanti. 	Kenzie Garson Mya Jensen Owen Middleton	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no decisions made over extending the days for retired supply teachers to offset the provincial challenge. The Minister is considering a suite of options to offset the teacher shortage. 	Fil Lettieri	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MASCE UPDATES Guidelines for Approval and Provision of Care and Treatment, Custody and Correctional Programs 2017-2018 Analysis of Exclusion Clause in Ontario's Education Act TCDSB's Response to the Motion from SEAC Review Presentation Priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialized Classrooms & Care & Treatment Program Criteria This chart was presented and reviewed. More time will be spent next meeting to go through the programs and answer any questions. 	Irma DiRenzo Rosanne Zagordo	April
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria for eligibility for CTCC- Section 265 Supports for literacy at the intermediate level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care & Treatment Admission Criteria Fil reviewed some of the resources that are available for literacy at the intermediate level such as Lexia and the pilot program, Empower 7 & 8 program. There is a lot of job embedded support from the Curriculum department for teachers in the intermediate level. 	Irma DiRenzo Fil Lettieri	
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have some unfilled positions such as the teacher diagnostician. A new position has also been posted called the Special Education Consultant to help fill the gaps with system IPRC, EQAO support, enhancing 	Fil Lettieri	

		service for our students who need support with the deaf and hard of hearing and vision itinerant. This is a generalist position that could help to serve and fill the gaps.		
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
a.	NORTH SHORE TRIBAL COUNCIL (R.Lambert, S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 	Rachelle Lambert	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Celebrate the Spectrum gets closer, information regarding these upcoming events will be sent to the schools to help in planning. Schools participating in the School Giving Challenge, Fly a Flag or use activities from the Educator Toolkits can be accessed in our emails. 	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Coombs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Gregorchuk and Tina Coombs presented about the ICDP program to the LRTs in Catch up with the Coordinator session. 	Tina Coombs	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melanie was in the ILS 2 class at SMC where 4 of the students there will be shadowing in the CICE program. 	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"> Easter Seals link: marchiseastersealsmonth.org 	Tiana Rushon	
i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board of Trustees is no longer approving the SEAC minutes- this is a procedural move. 	Gary Trembinski	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. 	Gary Trembinski Tina Coombs	
11.	NOTES			

Next Meeting: March 27, 2024

Location: St. Mary's French Immersion, 124 Gibb Street

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm