



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

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Location: St. Mary's French Immersion

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ohs-ozav-qyr>

Attendance: Tina Coombs, Irma DiRenzo, Sherri Kitts (Alt), Jared Lambert,
Fil Lettieri, Jacques Ribout, Tiana Rushon, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Rachel Bierdermann, Kenzie Garson, Hannah Lettieri, Owen Middleton, Laura Wing

Regrets: John Caputo, Theresa Coccimiglio, Mya Jensen, Rachelle Lambert, Melanie Ross Minutes by: Rosanne Zagordo

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER FOR SEAC Board Prayer & Land Acknowledgement - 2023-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board prayer and Land Acknowledgement was said by all. 	Fil Lettieri Irma Drenzo	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (February 28, 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEAC Agenda - February 28, 2024 	Gary Trembinski Sherri Kitts	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			

4.	<p>GUEST(s): REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMC trustee report • Rachel Bierderman, Hannah Lettieri- presentation about SMFI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March '24 SEAC Report.pdf • The SMC trustees presented their report. • Rachel Bierdermann and Hannah Lettieri presented on SMFI, highlighting the Mightier program 	<p>Kenzie Garson Owen Middleton</p>	
5.	<p>MINISTRY UPDATES</p>	<p>Ministry Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative Agreement reached between OCSTA, the Crown and OECTA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details are confidential until the agreement is ratified on April 2nd • Ministry Communication to All School Boards (March 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support year-round student mental health and provide a smooth transition for students into the 2024-25 school year, the ministry is providing \$14M in funding for Summer 2024. Based on the feedback received from the 2023 Summer Mental Health Supports final reports, the ministry has made changes to the upcoming Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) to support school boards so they can more effectively prepare, plan, and allocate the funding for Summer 2024. • Vendor of Record (VOR) for scientific evidence-based reading programs and interventions to support direct, explicit and systematic reading instruction across all Tiers of instructional intensity (Tiers 1-3) and all grades will be released in the summer of 2024 	<p>Fil Lettieri</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Information for the Ministry of Health on Measles (b) Summer School Programming (i.e., no longer administered by CODE, but it has been embedded in the GSN) (c) Director of Education Performance Appraisal Guidelines • 2024-2025 Provincial Budget Announcement <p><i>Summary of funding initiatives outlined by OCTSA:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building, expanding and renewing schools and child care spaces by investing \$23 billion over 10 years, including about \$16 billion in capital grants. This includes \$1.4 billion for the current school year to support the repair and renewal needs of schools; • \$172 million for the 2024–25 school year for targeted math and reading supports and an updated kindergarten curriculum starting in September 2025, including \$15 million for new digital math tools; • \$65 million for “dedicated educators” to work with small groups of students in Kindergarten to Grade 3; • \$18 million to improve special education services • \$30 million that is being dedicated to security cameras, security lighting and vape detectors. • The Ontario Autism Program will receive an additional \$120 million on 		
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		<p>top of its current budget of \$667 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing an additional \$16.5 million annually over the next three years through the Skilled Trades Strategy to support a variety of programs that attract more young people into the skilled trades; 		
6.	<p>SEAC BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MASCE UPDATES Letter from Durham CDSB Invitation to participate in SEAC sub-committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Education Letter March 2024.pdf The letter was discussed with the understanding that we will defer the possibility of writing a letter from HSCDSB. Irma will send out the dates for the upcoming sub-committee meetings for the SEAC recommendations and Rosanne will forward to the group. 	Irma Direnzo	April
7.	<p>BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care and Treatment Chart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialized Classrooms & Care and Treatment Classrooms Criteria 	Rosanne Zagordo	April
8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS</p>	<p>Special Education Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Education Consultant (SSM) - Interviews are scheduled for tomorrow New Psychometrist - Erin Turpin (Currently a Student & Family Counsellor) will start April 22, 2024 Interim Autism and Behaviour Advisor - Sarah Montgomery (Currently a Behaviour Coach) STAR Program began Monday, March 25th BAP counsellor- posting for this position Summer counsellor position has been posted. Declarative language - Catch up with the Coordinator session is planned for May 7, 2024. 	Jared Lambert Fil Lettieri Rosanne Zagordo	
9.	<p>ASSOCIATION REPORTS</p>			
a.	<p>NORTH SHORE TRIBAL COUNCIL (R. Lambert)</p>	<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"> ● Raise the flag information will be sent to schools and LRTs. ● For more information see: www.raisetheflagforautism.com 	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report at this time. 	Tina Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Coombs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ICDP is finishing up with the groups for readiness skills ● Kasia Ceglaz will be serving as Tina's alternate when she goes on leave. 	Tina Coombs	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shelley Moore is still continuing ● Together we are better committee is meeting on April 8 to decide ● Summer employment - many applications were received and also for job coaches. ● Joint board training was offered -diversity, equity and inclusion...needs to be intentional ● Kraft Hockeyville- March 29, 2024- cast your vote. 	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report at this time. 	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"> ● No report at this time. 	Tiana Rushon	
i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director of education has resigned and a hiring process will be put in place as soon as possible. ● Vote Kraft Hockeyville to support Elliot Lake's arena. 	Gary Trembinski	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm 	Gary Trembinski Sherri Kitts	
11.	NOTES			

Next Meeting: April 24, 2024

Location: Board Office

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm