



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

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Location:

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/okx-kyxs-dvc>

Attendance: Tina Coombs, Theresa Coccimiglio, Sherri Kitts,
Fil Lettieri, Melissa Puzak, Jacques Ribout, Melanie Ross, Tiana Rushon, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Kenzie Garson, Mya Jesnsen, Owen Middleton, Kathleen Rosilius

Regrets: John Caputo, Irma DiRenzo, Rachelle Lambert, Jared Lambert

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER FOR SEAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Acknowledgement and prayer was said by all. 	Fil Lettieri	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (May 22, 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted. 	Sherri Kitts Kathleen Rosilius	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC Student Trustees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attached SMC student trustee report. June '24 SEAC Report 	Kenzie Garson Mya Jensen Owen Middleton	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES			

		<p>Ministry Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new financial literacy graduation requirement to ensure students exit Ontario’s school system with both literacy and practical financial literacy skills. • Consulting on important life skills and the return of home economics education. • Ensuring new teachers hold basic competency in math. Teacher applicants to the Ontario College of Teachers must pass the Math Proficiency Test beginning in February 2025. • -For the first time in 13 years, a wholesale revitalization of guidance and career education to support students’ understanding of local labour market needs and pathways to good careers. • Up to \$14 million in 2024-25 to launch career coaching for Grade 9 and 10 students and to explore new opportunities into STEM and skilled trades. • Return of the student exit survey to benchmark success and garner feedback on the impact of reforms with an emphasis on guidance. 		
6.	<p>SEAC BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASCE UPDATES 			
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no business carried forward. 		
8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER’S REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Plan • Autism Ontario Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied for funding for “Removing Barriers for Students with Disabilities”, focusing on supporting educators with the implementation of alternative expectations • Applied for funding for “Developmental Disabilities Pilot - Project SEARCH (e.g., providing various work experience to students with developmental disabilities and MID) • Changes in delivery model for Summer Transition Program (e.g., two sites focusing on school 	<p>Fil Lettieri Rosanne Zagordo</p>	

		<p>readiness skills with same age peers and with common alternative goals, etc. It will include field trips to the home school, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosanne attended a workshop about SEA funding and purchasing. There are some changes to the purchasing guidelines. • We continue to refer to ICDP program with THRIVE • Rosanne is meeting with department teams to get ready for September. School teams continue to be in schools and working with students and staff. • Our testing is moving along well. We are testing students within an 8 month time frame and Speech/Language referrals are similar if not earlier. • Preventure has gone well and completed for this year. It will be held in all schools next school year. • Our Care and Treatment MOU at Holy Family school has now changed to reflect Grades 6,7 and 8. 		
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
a.	NORTH SHORE TRIBAL COUNCIL (R. Lambert)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation parade is in the works. 	Sherri Kitts	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For June updates, activities that are taking place over the summer as well. Awards that may be of interest to older students or adults: • David Conforti - Reach for the Stars Award (<i>applications due June 30, 2024</i>). Additional information: EN, FR • Building Brighter Futures Fund (BBFF) (<i>applications available in July 2024</i>). Flyers: EN, FR • AO Update - 2024 06 EN.pdf 	Melissa Puzak	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVO Steve Paquin - these sessions will be aired soon about gender violence and substance abuse. 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Coombs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool speech and language will end in September as students enter school. Referrals will be made as appropriate. 	Tina Coombs	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool speech and language needs to be referred before June 30, anything after this date they would get referred to the school board. • The partnership is going well with ICDP and HSCDSB. • Kasia will be sitting in for Tina as she will be on leave soon. • Ellie McGolderick will be taking Tina's caseload. 		
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment program has been very successful. • CLA 70th anniversary on August 21 and in Elliot Lake. There will be BBQs in Sault Ste Marie and Elliot Lake. • Shelley Moore has completed her learning sessions. CLA will debrief to see about next steps. 	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CICE graduation was June 5, 2024. 	Melanie Ross	
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 		
h.	EASTER SEALS (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 21 2024 is the Golf tournament at Crimson Ridge-.AccessABILITY Tournament. 	Tlana Rushon	
i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees travelled to Calgary • The Budget meeting was held Tuesday June 4, 2024. • Interviews for the new director are being held Saturday June 8, 2024. 	John Caputi Gary Trembinski	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm. 	Tina Coombs Theresa Coccimiglio	
11.	NOTES			

Next Meeting: September 25, 2024

Location: Board Room

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm