



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

**Date: Wednesday September 25, 2024**

**Location: Board Room**

**Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm**


**Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/rca-pdnd-onk>**

**Attendance:** John Caputo, Kasia Ceglaz, Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma DiRenzo, Jared Lambert, Rachelle Lambert, Jacques Ribout, Melanie Ross, Tiana Rushon, Franca Spadafora, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo


**Student Trustees and Guests:** Kenzie Garson, Mya Jesnsen, Alexander Orazietti

**Regrets:**

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER FOR SEAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land Acknowledgement and Prayer was said by all.</li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES June 5, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from June 5, 2024 were accepted.</li> </ul>	Gary Trembinski John Caputo	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES		Jacques Ribout Rachelle Lambert	
4.	GUEST(S): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMC Student Trustees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report from Trustees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 24' SEAC Report.pdf</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Kenzie Garson Mya Jensen Alexander Orazietti	

5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Incidence Portion (SIP) – revised data collection process that is being implemented by the Ministry of Education as part of the Special Incidence Portion modernization review.</li> <li>• PPM 170 – School board communication with parents</li> <li>• Purpose: to strengthen service standards and ensure consistent and reliable information is provided and made available to a parent for greater transparency and accountability in the education system across the province.</li> <li>• PPM 128 - The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct Code of Conduct has been updated to reflect the recommendations brought forward by PPM 128.</li> <li>• The Ministry approved the application submitted regarding removing barriers for students with disabilities. \$11,000.00 was allocated to help ensure students with disabilities are receiving meaningful programming that enables them to take part in more enriching learning experiences, such as K-course in our secondary school, and outings that support our students</li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MASCE UPDATES</li> <li>• Roles and Responsibilities</li> <li>• Vacancy for PIC and Well Being Committees</li> <li>• SEAC Calendar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAC Calendar DRAFT: <a href="#">DRAFT SEAC Calendar</a></li> <li>• Motion: School Tours and Presentation- List of presentations was generated and school tours. This motion was carried and passed.</li> <li>• There are no updates for MACSE</li> <li>• Jacques Ribout has put his name forward for Well Being Committee</li> <li>• Kasia Ceglarz has put her name forward for the PIC committee.</li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAC Calendar- review</li> </ul>		
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Education Plan   <a href="#">Special Education Plan 2024-2025</a></li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora Rosanne Zagordo Jared Lambert	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Special Education Plan</li> <li>● Mental Health Lead report</li> <li>● Special Education Coordinator report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ADSB, Fit Bodies and Fit Minds and HSCDSB partnered to offer Well Being days through the summer</li> <li>● Pre Venture will be offered into all of our elementary schools</li> <li>● GreenSpace has been purchased and will include screening tools which pertains to PPM 169 (evidence based data capturing)</li> <li>● Summer Transition Program and Indigenous Transition Program were offered. Students from both panels attended.</li> <li>● Teacher Diagnostician position is vacant as Anita Turcotte has accepted the Curriculum Coordinator Position.</li> <li>● LRT who are new to Empower reading were trained by a team leader from Sick Kids.</li> <li>● BMS training will be offered in the Fall to new EAs or team members who require it.</li> <li>● Transition meetings and Pre- Registration meetings are ongoing to welcome new students with needs who may need special education programs and services.</li> <li>● Hiring of Reading Intervention Teachers</li> <li>● Vision Itinerant Teacher - another posting will be put forward. The board has agreed to provide financial support to a teacher who expresses interest in attaining qualifications for such a position.</li> <li>● The Summer Transition Program (STP) supports HSCDSB students with special education needs who'd benefit from additional assistance transitioning back to school. The program is offered to both elementary and secondary students, providing an opportunity to practice essential school readiness skills. This year, the program served 49 elementary students and 15 secondary students at locations in Sault Ste. Marie, Blind River, Elliot Lake, and Espanola.</li> </ul>		
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			

a.	NORTH SHORE TRIBAL COUNCIL (R. Lambert)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batchewana, partnered with KBX and worked on self esteem workshops which will continue throughout the year.</li> <li>• BFN is piloting a program for students who are suspended in conjunction with the schools.</li> </ul>	Rachelle Lambert	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE ( Name required) (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Llnk for AO updates:   </li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marcia Ledyt- new manager</li> <li>• Rocking out for Recovery</li> <li>• AFS grade 7 and 8 counselors are now removed from the board.</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE ( K. Ceglarz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community partner meeting is upcoming for students who are transitioning to JK. This meeting has alot of community members.</li> </ul>	Kasia Ceglarz	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLA is working on getting work for their clients</li> </ul>	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CICE has a new space at Sault College in the B wing. There is a dedicated space for employees and students.</li> <li>• Some programs were lost at Sault College that affected one student in the Office Admin Program.</li> </ul>	Melanie Ross	
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faith Day is coming up on Friday September 25.</li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo	
h.	EASTER SEALS (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allison Morse is the contact person for Easter Seals who will be preparing communication to SEAC.</li> </ul>	Tiana Rushon	
i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was an update to the STEAM LAB and a big donation from Algoma Steel. Two new Superintendents were announced: Stephanie Circelli and Syndy Withers.</li> <li>• Regional conference is being held at North Bay this upcoming weekend.</li> </ul>	John Caputo Gary Trembinski	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjournment at 6:06 pm</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio Rachelle Lambert	
11.	NOTES			

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**Next Meeting:** October 30, 2024

**Location:** Board Room

**Time:** 4:00-6:00 pm