



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

Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Location: Board Room

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/jhq-wtxd-igt>

Attendance: Kasia Ceglarz, Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma DiRenzo, Jared Lambert, Rachelle Lambert, Melanie Ross, Tiana Rushon, Franca Spadafora, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Joe Chilelli, Chrissy Dewar, Kenzie Garson, Alexander Oraziotti, Stephanie Parniak

Regrets: John Caputo, Mya Jensen, Jacques Ribout

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER FOR SEAC	Catholicity - HSCDSB Land Acknowledgement	Franca Spadafora	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted. 	Gary Trembinski Melanie Ross	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			

4.	<p>GUEST(s): REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SMC Student Trustees ● AT presentation, Chrissy Dewar ● EQAO-update-Joe Chilelli- ● Stephanie Parniak 	<p>See the link below for the presentations to SEAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● November 24' SEAC Report ● Assistive Technology SEAC ● SEAC Presentation.pptx ● Joe Chilelli shared the EQAO update with SEAC members. 	<p>Kenzie Garson Alexander Oraziatti Chrissy Dewar Stephanie Parniak Joe Chilelli</p>	
5.	<p>MINISTRY UPDATES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Modernization of Special Incidence Portion (SIP) is under review and two reports have been submitted to the Ministry regarding the students who benefit from SIP funding (September 30 and November 30th) ● The Board is one of 11 eleven boards this year who will participate in an audit this Spring. The Ministry team will be visiting St. Basil and Holy Family. ● More details regarding the visit will be shared at a later date. ● Three gentlemen from the Ministry visited two of our schools with focus on two programs – SSP at St. Paul’s and STAR at St. Mary’s French Immersion.. We met with Clayton La Touche – Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of Student Support and Field Services Division, Andrew Locker – Director of Field Services Branch and Stephen Simard – North Regional Manager. They went into the classroom to explore the program set-up and connect with the students. ● We had the opportunity to discuss the challenges and successes of the two programs. ● They were very pleased with the work that we are completing and how we are trying our best to support our students. They are taking our feedback as they report on possible next steps for programming and funding. 	<p>Franca Spadafora</p>	
6.	<p>SEAC BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MASCE UPDATES ● Limestone DSB letter ● Election process for SEAC Chair and Vice Chair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A motion to send a letter in kind of support to the letter from Limestone DSB concerning Teachers College courses was accepted. 	<p>Irma DiRenzo</p>	<p>December</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MACSE updates will be discussed at the December meeting. 		
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to SEAC recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three new postings for 3 student and family counsellors. have been posted. Board responses to SEAC recommendations will be presented at the December meeting. 	Franca Spadafora Rosanne Zagordo Jared Lambert	December
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
a.	NORTH SHORE TRIBAL COUNCIL (R. Lambert)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 	Rachelle Lambert	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (Jacques Ribout) (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings were well represented in Toronto. 	Irma Drenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right time, Right care is an ongoing dialogue and attaches to PPM 169. 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (K. Ceglarz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 	Kasia Ceglarz	
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"> CICE program has taken up Joyful socks at Sault College.This endeavor helps to support the collection of hygiene products for those in need. There is now a cap of 10 students starting in September 2025 for 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"> December 3- Giving Tuesday. help support children with physical disabilities to go to summer camp. Be mindful of students with sensory needs during the Christmas season as it can be overwhelming. 	Tiana Rushon	
i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discretionary spending is deferred until December 	Gary Trembinski	December

	(J. Caputo, G. Trembinski) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OCSTA video Discretionary spending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video from OCSTA was distributed. Video clip will be shown at the December meeting 		
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. 	Gary Trembinski Tianna RUshon	
11.	NOTES			

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 18, 2024 Meeting and Dinner to follow.

Restaurant Location Qattro Restaurant. 229 Great Northern Road

Dinner at 5:30 pm.

Meeting at 4:00 pm at the Board Office