



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

**Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024**

**Location: Board Room**

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

**Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/erv-qebw-wef>**

**Attendance:** John Caputo, Kasia Ceglarz, Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma DiRenzo, Fil Lettieri, Melanie Ross, Franca Spadafora, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

**Student Trustees and Guests:** Christine Chilelli, Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen, Tanya Jewell, Alexander Oraziatti

**Regrets:** Rachelle Lambert, Tiana Rushon, Jacques Ribout, Jared Lambert

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER FOR SEAC	<a href="#">Catholicity - HSCDSB</a>  <a href="#">Land Acknowledgement</a>	Franca Spadafora	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES- September 25, 2024		Gary Trembinski Melanie Ross	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change the wording to, two new Superintendents from two new Trustees</li> </ul>	Gary Trembinski John Caputo	
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMC Student Trustees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> October 24' SEAC Report.pdf</li> </ul>	Kenzie Garson Alexander Oraziatti	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Autism Ontario- Tanya Jewell</li> <li>SEAC presentation-motioning and procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tanya Jewell provided SEAC with a presentation about Motions and SEAC meetings</li> <li>Chrissy Dewar, Assistive Technology Teacher, will present at the November SEAC meeting</li> </ul>	Tanya Jewell	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A settlement has been reached with principals and vice-principals and local negotiations will begin</li> <li>There were several updates to salary benchmarks and other funding elements related to the 2023-2027 Terms and Conditions of Employment Agreement between the Principals and Vice-Principals' Associations, Trustees Associations, and the Crown.</li> <li>Math Action Achievement Plan – the Math Facilitators continue to work on the Board plan and refine the identified Key Performance Indicators (measurable goals). Joe Chilelli is responsible for the MAAP this year and a report of the plan is due to the Ministry by November 15th.</li> <li>Halt the Haze program for the 2024/2025 school year. HSCDSB is one of 15 boards participating in this Ministry of Education funded program. It is a comprehensive behaviour program to help students stop vaping.</li> <li>Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week November 17-23, 2024</li> <li>Specialist high Skills Major (SHSM) New Program and Expansion Funding Proposals Beginning November 18, 2024, school board teams will be able to submit proposals for new</li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora	

		SHSM programs and funding to support the expansion of SHSM programs related to technological education and the skilled trades for 2025 -26.		
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MASCE UPDATES</li> <li>Schedule and confirm presentations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irma has requested that administration reach out to MACSE to allow boards to respond more fully and more frequently.</li> <li>Motion to change the meeting time when we visit SMC to 1:30 pm -4:00 pm whenever the date is confirmed by the Principal.</li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo John Caputo	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">W SEAC ANNUAL CALENDAR- 2024-2025 DRAF...</a></li> </ul>		
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tell Them From Me surveys are completed every 2 years. Grades 4-12 are done at school rather than from home.</li> <li>Franca reviewed what the survey could entail.</li> <li>Virtual session is being offered to support students with exceptionalities on November 26, 2024.</li> <li><a href="#">Nov 26 Transition Info Night Flyer (1).pdf</a></li> <li>The ITS contract with AFS and shared with ADSB has been dissolved. Schools can still recommend ITS to families through AFS. The funding will now be allocated for another support which is yet to be determined.</li> <li>Rosanne attended the community partners Transition to Kindergarten meeting. Transition to Kindergarten Meetings for students entering school in September 2025, will be held the week of January 20-24, 2025, This is a positive practice that the school board participates in to ensure new students entering school for the first time are supported.</li> <li>Our newest Behaviour Coach has started- Nickette Stuckey will be supporting our EAST schools.</li> <li>FASD presentation was held virtually by Qeila from THRIVE on PD day- October 28, 2024.</li> <li>Mental Health has received a lot of funding over the years. Jared Lambert now has a supervisory role in</li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora Rosanne Zagordo Fil Lettieri	

		Mental Health. This is an organizational piece for Mental Health and is still affiliated with the Special Education Department.		
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
a.	NORTH SHORE TRIBAL COUNCIL (R. Lambert)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Rachelle Lambert	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On November 4, AO is hosting a town hall meeting at the office on Yonge Street.</li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MH walk in clinic on Queen Street has started up again and in person. There are 3 options that people can choose from - phone, video or in person. Flyer to follow.</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (K. Ceglarz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A School Transition Community meeting was held. FASD workers are available to help support students and families.</li> <li>ICDP workers are available to support students who have not had any service prior to entering into Kindergarten. Sarah Gregorchuk is the worker from THRIVE.</li> </ul>	Kasia Ceglarz	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open house was held for Grade 12 students. There were 4 students that signed up for CICE.</li> <li>Last month, Melanie went to ILS and a CICE alumni to speak to the classes. November 19 the students from ILS will be going to Sault College</li> <li>There is now a student led room that is available for homework and student led conversations.</li> </ul>	Melanie Ross	
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo	
h.	EASTER SEALS (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 Tips to Make Halloween More Inclusive and Accessi...</li> </ul>	Tiana Rushon	
i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a lot of positive feedback about Faith Day and the guest speaker.</li> </ul>	John Caputo Gary Trembinski	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After Faith Day, Trustees and the Director attended a conference in North Bay, Ontario.</li> <li>• Board responses to the SEAC recommendations were provided by Rosanne Zagordo</li> </ul>		
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was adjourned at 6:01</li> </ul>	Gary Trembinski Kasia Ceglarz	
11.	NOTES			

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 27, 2024**

**Location:** School location TBA

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