



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

**Date:** Wednesday December 18, 2024 Meeting and Dinner

**Location:** Board Room

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

**Google Meet:** <https://meet.google.com/rvs-xtrm-jdz>


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

**Student Trustees and Guests:**

**Regrets:** John Caputo, Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen, Rachelle Lambert, Alexander Oraziatti

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 -November 27, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes from November 17, 2024 were accepted.</li></ul>	Gary Trembinski Jacques Ribout	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The December agenda was accepted.</li></ul>	Tiana Rushon Theresa Coccimiglio	
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMC Student Trustees</li> </ul>			
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geneva Centre - information was sent to school boards indicating allocation to enroll in ministry funded courses</li> <li>Boards were asked to advertise training to educators who work with students with ASD and any educators / education support staff interested in ASD/ABA training</li> <li>The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario continues to receive funding from the Ministry of Ed. to develop online resources for educators to support students with learning disabilities and students who need additional support with reading.</li> <li>Resources are available for free to all educators, and include learning modules, reading tools, webinars, videos , and evidence based practices.</li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MASCE UPDATES</li> <li>Board responses to SEAC recommendations</li> <li>SEAC elections for Chair/Vice Chair</li> <li>SMC meeting in January</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MACSE updates will be deferred to January</li> <li>The Board responses to SEAC were reviewed.</li> <li>Irma DiRenzo has been acclaimed the Chair of the SEAC and Gary has been acclaimed as the Vice Chair.</li> <li>The letter to LDSB was written and will be sent out on behalf of our SEAC</li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora	January
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Franca Spadafora Rosanne Zagordo Jared Lambert	
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 ( Name required) (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Irma DiRenzo	

c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business as usual at the agency</li> <li>• AFS is also running Preventure through Rebound North</li> </ul>	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE ( K. Ceglarz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Kasia Ceglarz	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsoring the Together we are Better campaign is running again. More information to follow in January</li> <li>• CLA had a Risk assessment and Audit and staff has been busily working to fulfill this requirement.</li> </ul>	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report at this time.</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>• No report at this time.</li> </ul>	Tiana Rushon	
i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discretionary spending</li> <li>• Video from SFFI for COCSTA</li> </ul>	 <b>Falcons of Hope</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFFI video was shared with members.</li> <li>• Boards are asked to review their discretionary spending.</li> </ul>	John Caputo Gary Trembinski	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm</li> </ul>	Jacques Ribout Theresa Coccimiglio	
11.	NOTES			

**Next Meeting: Wednesday January 29, 2025**

**Location:** St. Mary's College

**Time:** 1:30 pm