



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

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Location: Board Room

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ztc-epeu-mma>

Attendance: John Caputo, Kasia Ceglaz, Jared Lambert, Rachelle Lambert, Fil Lettieri, Melanie Ross, , Tiana Rushon, Franca Spadafora, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

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

Regrets: Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma DiRenzo. Jacques Ribout

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER FOR SEAC	Catholicity - HSCDSB Land Acknowledgement	Fil Letteri	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - January 29, 2025	Minutes were accepted.	Rachelle Lambert Melanie Ross	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			

4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS - SMC Student Trustees - Justin Pino- Financial Report	- Student trustees shared the report. February '25 SEAC Report.pdf - The Special Education Expenditure report was shared: 2024-25 SEAC Report V3.pdf	Kenzie Garson Alexander Oraziatti Mya Jensen Justin Pino	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES Deferred updates from January	- Bil 123, Erin's Law - The Bill amends the Education Act to require each school board to establish a policy regarding the topics of child sexual abuse prevention and reporting - Student Achievement Plan 2024-2025 – All school boards submitted their data (Literacy, Numeracy, OSSLT, Mental Health).	Franca Spadafora	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS - MASCE UPDATES - Follow up with OCT Outreach-Re: Response to Limestone and HSCDSB- deadline March 12, 2025 - Standards of Practice and Education Committee - SEAC Recommendations Committee members	Ontario SEAC Advocacy.pdf Ministry letter - Regarding Funding.pdf  Ministry letter - Regarding Funding.pdf Huron-Superior Catholic School Board SEAC Feb 5 2025.pdf	Fil Lettieri	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS	- Mental Health boards are being looked at by each Mental Health team member. - PD day- Mental Health members are targeting some topics to present to OECTA and CUPE. - New posting called Intensive Counselling has been filled. - There was a motion to ask the Mental Health Leader for a report and pictures of the boards at each school. It was unanimously passed. - Enrichment program is up and running. There is a teacher assigned to this program. - Math Achievement Plan is up and running and have added to the team; Chris V and DiCerbo	Jared Lambert Fanca Spadafora Rosanne Zagordo Melanie Ross Tiana Rushon	

		• Screening is still up and running • SIP and SEA Audit is in progress • PD is happening on February 27, 2025		
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
a.	NORTH SHORE TRIBAL COUNCIL (R. Lambert)	• FASD training could be available along with Self Regulation Training. Meredith Sewell is the trainer. • We are currently trying to educate students about their diagnoses. • Rachelle attended a Trauma Sensitive School training conference	Rachelle Lambert	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (Name required) (I. DiRenzo)	• AO hyperlinks: • https://www.autismontario.com/news/mind-matters-supporting-mental-health • https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministers-advise-council-special-education • https://smho-smso.ca/parents-and-caregivers/ • https://docs.google.com/document/d/193Js-ymPtOXYwGQITi7da4LS4Yzq9GsHggWYXUI85Lk/edit?usp=sharing&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR3NeTJxT1TWiIUJDyWYUp1VxvyvQgGSRIxml66_Yp_fGN0eL7JxTWI-I_aem_Tvtr4sqVKiX0JXiPcRvY0Q	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	• No report at this time.	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (K. Ceglarz)	• Caregiver session information was sent out through email to be shared. • Entry to School will be starting at the end of March or beginning of April.	Kasia Ceglarz	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	• No report at this time.	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	• The funding model has changed which means the cap has been increased to 20-25 students. There is	Melanie Ross	

		a huge recruitment process on April 7, 2025 at SMC.		
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	No report at this time.	Irma DiRenzo	
h.	EASTER SEALS (T. Rushon)	- Concerns are being raised about the lack of accessibility in the schools, ex. power doors, ramps etc. - They are looking at the expansion of the Assistive Devices program. - Red Shirt is Wednesday May 28, 2025, more information to follow. - Information was sent out for scholarships through Easter Seals by April 17 for students with physical disabilities.	Tiana Rushon	
i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski)	The board is pleased with SEAC and all the initiatives they are working through.	John Caputo Gary Trembinski	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.	Melanie Ross Rachelle Lambert	
11.	NOTES			

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