



Huron-Superior Catholic
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S.E.A.C.

Minutes

Date: October 29, 2025

Location: Board Room
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm


Attendance: John Caputo, Theresa Coccimiglio, Tina Coombs, Irma DiRenzo, Fil Lettieri, Jacques Ribout, Tiana Rushon, Franca Spadafora, Sandra Turco, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Abbie Dasa-Kumar, Michaela Kyle, Alexander Oraziatti

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/iab-mjur-jiu>

Regrets: Rachelle Lambert, Jared Lambert

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER FOR SEAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition of Trustee Gary Trembinski 	Catholicity - HSCDSB Land Acknowledgement	Irma DiRenzo	

2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted. 	Tiana Rushon Theresa Coccimiglio	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question concerning a survey from John Caputo to follow. 	John Caputo	
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC Student Trustees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students shared the SMC report. October 25' SEAC Report 	Micaela Kyle Abbie Dasa-Kumar Alexander Oraziatti	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Incidence Portion (SIP) data collection regarding students with high complex special education needs is to be submitted to ONSIS by January 31, 2026 and it will be based on the student data entered in our system by Oct. 31, 2025 Ontario Educator Autism Training Program - Sonderly, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, is conducting a province wide needs assessment to help shape upcoming autism training opportunities for educators across Ontario. The survey link has been shared with employees. Learning Disabilities of Canada is having a national virtual conference scheduled for Saturday, November 22. The registration link has been shared with SEAC members. 	Franca Spadafora	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MASCE UPDATES Card of thanks from Melanie Ross received Card to be sent out to family of Gary Trembinski SEAC Recommendations  Special Education Ad... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chrissy Dewar, AT teacher, will present at our November SEAC meeting. We are planning to visit a school in January once we have confirmed with the Principal. We are planning to visit the STEAM lab in the new year- date to be confirmed. We are planning to visit St. Kateri in the spring-date to be confirmed. The SEAC recommendations were reviewed and discussed. 	Irma DiRenzo Franca Spadafora	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch up with the Coordinator is scheduled each month. Specific topics pertaining to LRT work are reviewed. Topics include Alternative Report cards, IEPs, review of Board Forms and guest presenters. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEAC advertisement went out to recruit new members of - we currently have 2 people who have come forward Looking to replace our Speech/Language Pathologist, posting went up and interviews to follow. Our board is one that was chosen to sit on the working group committee for Transition Navigator and how they can service post secondary students 		
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 (Name required) (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autism Ontario- Understanding Autistic learners- virtual session https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=11416 	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie Fetherson has resigned from AFS and Jeanne Barnett has retired from AFS. 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Coombs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM was held last night at THRIVE ICDP is running a Triple P parent group Halloween Tips and Tricks for children and to be mindful of accessibility. 	Tina Coombs	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our fourth job path training session was held and CLA provides 18 sessions with 3 hours each to help prepare people for the work world. Transition to school meeting is being held October 31, 2025. 	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE			
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mandate is changing to update the goals and to bring the clergy in to have a discussion. 	Irma DiRenzo	
h.	EASTER SEALS (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to review requests for funding. Accessibility at Halloween and to remember children who may be doing Halloween a little bit differently. 	Tiana Rushon	

i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report at this time. 	John Caputo Sandra Turco	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
11.	NOTES			

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Location: Board Room

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm