



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S.E.A.C.

Minutes

Date: January 28, 2026

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

Attendance: Laurie Barbeau, Tina Coombs, John Caputo, Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma DiRenzo, Mike Duclos, Wayne Greco, Mary Ogenyi-Igoche, Rachelle Lambert, Fil Lettieri, Jacques Ribout, Tiana Rushon, Franca Spadafora, Sandra Turco, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Joe Chilelli, Abbie Dasa-Kumar, Michaela Kyle, Mike Oliveira, Alexander Oraziotti, Justin Pino

Regrets: Jared Lambert

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/iiq-eodj-jmo>

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME and Introductions LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BOARD PRAYER	Catholicity - HSCDSB Land Acknowledgement	Rosanne Zagordo Franca Spadafora	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - December 17, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted 	Tina Coombs	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View the Shelley Moore videos as per Jacques request- Five More Minute Videos 	Jacques Ribout	February

4.	<p>GUEST(s): REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SMC Student Trustees ● Justin Pino ● Joe Chillelli, Mike Oliveira 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●  January 2026 SEAC Report ● The Special Education Comparison Report was presented. ● The Math report was presented to SEAC. 	<p>Justin Pino</p> <p>Joe Chillelli Mike Oliveira</p>	
5.	<p>MINISTRY UPDATES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Incidence Portion (SIP) modernization review data to be submitted by January 30, 2026. 	<p>Franca Spadafora</p>	
6.	<p>SEAC BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MACSE UPDATES ● (Ministers Advisory Council on Special Education) ●  Special Education Ad... ● Roles and Responsibilities for SEAC members ● Bio for SEAC members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mid-Year Review SEAC Recommendations update was presented. ● AI licences and PD is occurring ● Blind/Low Vision teacher started in January and works with students and staff. ● The Learning Library had a refresh for easier access. ● Stephanie Parniak had an information session for Specialized Classroom Teachers for Religion resources and programs. 	<p>John Caputo Franca Spadafora</p>	
7.	<p>BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD</p>			
8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Special Education Appeal Board update was brought forward which included an update on the meeting and next steps. ● MYSP- a stakeholder feedback session will be held for SEAC in February. Fil invited everyone to respond to the survey. ● Speech Language Pathologist - Miranda Abelson has started providing services to students and assessments. ● Wednesday June 3- Red shirt day. We are encouraged to wear red shirts in support of Easter Seals. ● Inclusive education month through CLA. ● Big Brothers/Big Sisters in school mentoring programs will begin at St. Basil. ● Transition to Kindergarten meetings have started. Meetings are held at Waabinong and THRIVE. 	<p>Fil Lettieri</p> <p>Franca Spadafora</p> <p>Rosanne Zagordo</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition meetings to ILS at SMC have been completed. There are 6 transition days for students to participate in from January to June. • The Mental Health team is working with community partners ARTO/VRTA. 		
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 (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill 33 update from Provincial meeting and more information to follow. • Activities such as Celebrate the Spectrum will be announced with Tye Dye activities. • An event will be held at the Youth Hub - details to follow. 	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Psychologist - Dr. Ulzen was available for service this past month. Students at SMC who see Theresa get quick access to this service. 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Coombs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full transition to Kindergarten meetings will be held with HSCDSB starting Feb. 2, 2026. • Entry to School program is starting in March. 	Tina Coombs	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together we are Better. The contest is in full swing. • Summer employment from the CLA website is posted- 16 week programs and applications for job coaches. • Jacques provided a CLA pamphlet for distribution. 	Jacques Ribout	
f.	MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (L. Barbeau, M. Duclos, M.Mary Ogenyi-Igoche)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A question came up about Dual Diagnosis and how we are serving students who are affected. 	Laurie Barbeau Mike Duclos Mary Ogenyi-Igoche	
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Irma Drenzo	
h.	EASTER SEALS (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Seals camp registrations are now open in January. These are week-long camping experiences that also offer family camping experiences. • Red shirts are available on the Easter Seals website. • There are awareness walks going on in Ontario, but not in Sault Ste. Marie yet. 	Tiana Rushon	

i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo, W. Greco)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parent support office needs to be in place by September 1, 2026. 	John Caputo Wayne Greco	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm 	Irma DiRenzo	
11.	NOTES			

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Location: St. Basil Elementary School

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm