



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S.E.A.C. Minutes

Date: Tuesday March 31, 2026

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

Attendance: Laurie Barbeau, Tina Coombs, John Caputo, Irma DiRenzo, Wayne Greco, Jared Lambert, Rachelle Lambert, Fil Lettieri, Jacques Ribout, Franca Spadafora, Sandra Turco, Rosanne Zagordo

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

Regrets: Theresa Coccimiglio, Mike Duclos, Mary Ogenyi-Igoche, Tiana Rushon

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/yff-gcgh-aih>

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER FOR SEAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Acknowledgement Catholicity - HSCDSB 	Rosanne Zagordo Franca Spadafora	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - February 25, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted. 	Wayne Greco Rachelle Lambert	
	Business arising from the Feb. 25, 2026 meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter was submitted by Trustee Greco with recommendations to SEAC. 	Wayne Greco	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC Student Trustees Sherri Appleton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2026 SEAC Report.pdf 	Abbie Dasa-Kumar, Michaela Kyle,	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC trustees informed SEAC that they won first place with their video from the contest from CLA-Together We Are Better Sherri Appleton spoke about her role and responsibilities as the Blind/Low Vision teacher. 	Alexander Oraziotti Sherri Appleton	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPM 170 - School Board Communication with Parents – To provide better service to parents, all school boards will establish a Student and Family Support Office. The Board has to submit a report by March 31, 2026, outlining how they will establish an office by September 1, 2026. Menstrual Equity Initiative: School boards are encouraged to submit their order for menstrual products under the Menstrual Equity Initiative for the 2025–26 school year. These products are provided at no cost and support student well-being and equity. 	Franca Spadafora	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MASCE UPDATES SEAC Recommendations-Sub-Committee SEAC Orientation Violent Incident Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franca will send out the SEAC recommendations to SEAC members. Members will send Franca or Rosanne any recommendations for the upcoming school year. A sub-committee will be formed for the SEAC recommendations. 	John Caputo Franca Spadafora	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DDSB SEAC Support for School Board Trustees.pdf View Shelley Moore Videos- as per J. Ribouts request- 5 Moore Minutes Violent Incident Report-deferred 	John Caputo	April
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEADER'S REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventure is up and running in all the schools Looking at hiring a new counsellor in the North and Intense cases. System IPRCs are in full swing as well as second term IEPs. Second round of Transition to Kindergarten meetings are scheduled. Meet monthly with LRTs to review expectations such as conducting annual school IPRC meetings and Integrated Transition Meetings for students 14 and up. Volunteer recruitment is a top priority to help run hot lunches. 	Jared Lambert Franca Spadafora Rosanne Zagordo	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse lunch offers • Emergency preparedness and response protocols- to provide a refresh to see what improvements need to be made. As there was an evacuation at one of our schools, this was a good exercise to look at our procedures and policies. 		
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
a.	NORTH SHORE TRIBAL COUNCIL (R. Lambert)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Shore Tribal no longer has an education program. 	Rachelle Lambert	
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (Name required) (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Autism Day is Thursday April 2. • There are some activities happening in city hall to celebrate this day. • The wellness hub is sponsoring events from 2-6 pm. • Queens is doing a research project. • Our ladies curling team went to OFSAA and received the sportsmanship award. 	Irma DiRenzo	
c.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Coombs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flyers will be shared. • A Caregiver mentorship program is being launched on April 7 at 6:00 pm. • A four part in person series will be hosted at THRIVE about OAP. Each week they will cover one of the components. 	Tina Coombs	
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer education is going well, there are 60 resumes for a 6 and 8 week program • There are 50 mentors being sought. 	Jacques Ribout	
f.	Easter Seals (T. Rushon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Tiana Rushon	
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an upcoming meeting for Faith Day. • SEAC members were invited to attend on April 17, 2026 Faith Day. 	Irma DiRenzo	
h.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (L. Barbeau, M. Duclos, Mary Ogenyi-Igoche)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Laurie Barbeau Mike Duclos	
i.	TRUSTEES' REPORTS (J. Caputo, W. Greco)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended that the Association reports are front ended to allow more questions and conversations to occur. 	John Caputo Wayne Greco	

10.	ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.	Jacques Ribout Wayne Greco	
11.	NOTES			

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Location: STEAM Lab 102 Welling Street East

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm