



Durham Catholic District School Board

MINUTES of the **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** meeting of Durham Catholic District School Board which was held in the North Board Room of the Catholic Education Centre, 650 Rossland Road West, in Oshawa on **Tuesday, January 9, 2018.**

Present	Staff	With Regrets	Absent
L. Smart	J. Bowyer	L. McInnes	
K. LeFort (tele)	L. Coghlan	C. Pegler	
V. Adamo	D. Mullane	L. Cook	
K. Burke	C. Baetz		
M. LePage			
C. Nosseir			
E. Van de Klippe			
J. McCafferty			
T. McGarry			
A. Shiels			

S.E.A.C. Representatives

K. McCarthy, APSSP
C. Plouffe, OECTA Secondary
M. Lacy, Principal/Vice Principal Association

CALL TO ORDER

Item a.1 Memorials and Prayer

Superintendent Bowyer called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and offered the opening prayer. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item a.2 Roll Call and Apologies

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item b.1 Changes to Printed Agenda

None

Item b.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion No. SS-2018-01-09-01 Approval of Agenda

Moved by V. Adamo, seconded by L. Smart

“THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the agenda of the Tuesday, January 9, 2018 meeting as printed.”

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Item c.1 Trustee Membership**

Following the inaugural Board meeting on December 4, 2017, Trustee Committees were confirmed. Superintendent Bowyer announced that Trustees Kathy LeFort and Jim McCafferty will serve on SEAC for the 2018 year.

Superintendent Bowyer welcomed Colleen Plouffe as the OECTA Secondary Representative.

CONSIDERATIONS OF MOTIONS

None

ELECTIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Superintendent Bowyer opened the floor for nominations for the position of chair of S.E.A.C. for the period January 9, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Moved by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>	<u>Willing to Stand?</u>
L. Smart	M. LePage	V. Adamo	Yes

Superintendent Bowyer called three times for further nominations. Nominations were declared closed.

Motion No. SS-2018-01-09-02 **Close Nominations**

Moved by M. LePage, seconded by V. Adamo

“THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee close nominations for the position of Chair of S.E.A.C for the period from January 9, 2018 to December 31, 2018.”

Carried

Superintendent Bowyer announced that Lynne Smart, representative for Learning Disabilities Association - Durham was acclaimed to the position of Chair of S.E.A.C. Lynne Smart assumed the position of Chair.

ELECTIONS FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair Smart opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of S.E.A.C. for the period of January 9, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Moved by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>	<u>Willing to Stand?</u>
V. Adamo	J. McCafferty	E. Van de Klippe	Yes

Chair Smart then called three times for further nominations. Nominations were then closed.

Motion No. SS-2018-01-09-03 **Close Nominations**

Moved by J. McCafferty, seconded by M. LePage

“THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee close nominations for the position of Vice Chair of S.E.A.C for the period from January 9, 2018 to December 31, 2018.”

Carried

Chair Smart announced that Valerie Adamo, representative for VOICE for the Hearing Impaired, was acclaimed to the position of Vice Chair of S.E.A.C. Valerie accepted the position of Vice Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item g.1 **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Item h.1 **Approval of Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 5, 2017**

Motion No. SS-2018-01-09-04 **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by A. Shiels, seconded by M. LePage

“THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting as submitted.”

Carried

Item h.2 **Business Arising from the Minutes of the Special Education
Advisory Committee December 5, 2017**

None

PRESENTATIONS

Item i.1 **Experiential Learning Continuum**

Lisa Coghlan

Lisa Coghlan, Student Services Coordinator, detailed the Experiential Learning Continuum. She reported that Student Services had been working with other departments to provide a clearer process. Lisa outlined the variations between three program options that would be available for students. KGW (Exploring the World of Work) is a non-credit program held for a full semester in-class which provides greater guidance for those students who are considering the STEP or Co-op programs. The KGW program averages approximately 10 students per semester per school. STEP is a credited program which provides placement outside of the school 3-4 days a week and provides weekly time for further preparation and guidance. The STEP program averages approximately 3-5 students per semester per school. Co-op is a credited program which provides placement outside of the school 5 days a week. There would be approximately 5 to 6 in-class days per semester. The Co-op program averages approximately 3-5 students per semester per school.

A new approach is being taken with these programs by discovering the interests of the student and seeking employment based on their interests and strengths.

DELEGATIONS

None

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Item m.1 **Coordinator's Report – L. Coghlan**

1. Students from Denis O'Connor CHS, Monsignor Paul Dwyer CHS, and Father Leo J Austin SS participated in the Special Olympics School Basketball Championships at Maxwell Heights SS on December 6th. Students and staff had an enjoyable day competing in this tournament and they look forward to participating in upcoming events sponsored by Special Olympics Ontario.

2. Program Support teachers attended a meeting on December 12th with a focus on the profile of a learner with an Intellectual Disability. Dr. Amanda Fuentes provided the audience with an insightful presentation on how an intellectual disability can impact learning and school functioning. She provided PSTs with strategies and resources to support this learner to promote the development of independent skills in academic and adaptive domains.

Item m.2 **Mental Health Leader's Report – D. Mullane**

Parent Conference Update: planning is underway for the 3rd annual parent conference. The title of the event is "Connection is Key." We've just received the posters and flyers, so these will start going out to schools and into the community. SEAC members were provided with a copy of the poster at the meeting, and will be sent an electronic version to share within their network.

Upcoming events for the month of January:

- Staff Wellness: On January 10th, Bill Gartland (Director of Education, Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario) will be attending the Directors meeting to help kick off the board's Elephant in the Room campaign. This is an anti-stigma campaign that is being launched by the board's Staff Wellness committee. On January 11, the second of four staff wellness workshops is taking place; the topic of this session is Personal Strategies for Self-Care.
- The first of two Intermediate Summits (students in grade 7 & 8) will be taking place at Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences on Jan 23, 2018.
- A Mental Health First Aid session is being offered to educators on Jan 24 and 30, 2018.
- Diane Mullane has been invited to participate, along with three other Mental Health Leaders, in a panel discussion with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association on January 20th to discuss Mental Health Priorities and Initiatives at Catholic District School Board.
- Bell Let's Talk Day is happening on January 31, 2018. Schools are being encouraged to support this important initiative.

Item m.3 Superintendent's Report - J. Bowyer

Welcome Kathy LeFort and Jim McCafferty back as our trustee reps on SEAC.

We had a few staffing changes in Student Services last month. Amber Zealand, our Board Certified Behaviour Analyst started the week before Christmas. David Murrell, a long standing CYC with our Board retired at Christmas and we are in the process of replacing him.

French Immersion registration is taking place at this time. At the end of the month we will be having another in-service for our PSTs, and French Immersion teachers on using accommodations and modifications in a French Immersion program that will allow second language learning to be accessible to all.

This week we have Capacity Building – which is a system level professional learning opportunity for our elementary school Math Leads. We have in the past focused on content areas or skill areas in Mathematics learning – for example Geometry or problem solving. This month we are going to focus supporting students in numeracy based on their learning profile.

We are currently working on a partnership agreement with Special Olympics to provide teacher training in adaptive skills for Physical Education classes.

Motion SS-2018-01-09-05

Approval of the January 9, 2018 Verbal Coordinator,
Mental Health Leader and Superintendent Reports

Moved by V. Adamo, seconded by C. Nosseir

“THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee accept the verbal Coordinator, Mental Health Leader and Superintendent Reports at the January 9, 2018 Meeting.”

Carried

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Autism Ontario – Durham Region – C. Pegler

Is your child's school listening? Advocacy workshop hosted by Ed Mahony. Please watch Ed's 3 session intensive webinar about IPRCs prior to registering.

Location: Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre

Address: 750 Spadina Ave, Toronto, ON

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Time: 10AM – 3PM

Cost \$10

<http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/Autism+Ontario+Webinars>

Sensory hour at Sky zone in Whitby on January 28th, 9am-10am. For only \$6 enjoy 60 minutes of open jumping! This includes free access for one chaperone. Sky Zone has modified safety measures in place and have also added staff to support all jumpers.

Check out this handy interactive timeline on the ASD [ConnectABILITY](#) Adult topic page to help you plan for the transition from youth to adult services and supports <http://bit.ly/2DT8HEI>. Find resources about government funding, post-secondary education, day programming and employment.

Thanks to all our partners – [Community Living Toronto](#), [Geneva Centre for Autism](#), [Kerry's Place Autism Services](#) and [Ontario Social Services](#).



The 2018 March Break Reimbursement Fund is now open for application. All applications will be accepted until January 19.

<http://www.autismontario.com/client/aso/ao.nsf/web/March+Break+Reimbursement+Fund?OpenDocument>

The Minister of Children and Youth Services, Michael Coteau, will be hosting a provincial Autism Tele Town Hall for families of children and youth with autism on Thursday, January 11 from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. EST. Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/autism-tele-town-hall-tickets-41290692573#tickets>

Cystic Fibrosis Canada – Durham Chapter – Mitch LePage

Princess Ball
Sunday, February 4, 2018
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Ajax Convention Centre
Tickets – Ajax.snapd.com

DDSA – April Shiels

Currently seeking 2 new members

Family Swim Day – February 11 – Oshawa South Community Centre (3:30-5:30 p.m.)

Monthly play group (1st Saturday of every month)
Embassy Church
416 Taunton Road West
9:30-11:30 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

INQUIRIES AND MISCELLANEOUS

PENDING ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Motion No. SS-2018-01-09-06 Adjournment

Moved by E. Van de Klippe, seconded by V. Adamo

“THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of
January 9, 2018 adjourn.”

Carried

CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayer was offered by V. Adamo

Lynne Smart
Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee

Janine Bowyer
Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: Candice Cavalier