

AGENDA

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre

Mission: Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body, and soul to the fullness of life.

Vision: Changing the world through Catholic education.

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1. Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Superintendent Vecchiarino, M. Arif
2. Supporting Mathematics - Update on Math Achievement Plan: Assistant Superintendent Wendling
3. Review Role of Chair: Superintendent Papaloni
4. Voting for Chair and Vice-Chair: Superintendent Papaloni
5. Entry Planning and Transition for Students with Differing Abilities Information Session: J. Toste

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1. Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE) Feedback Form: Superintendent Papaloni

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February 21, 2024

March 20, 2024

April 17, 2024

May 15, 2024

June 12, 2024

J. Adjournment

OPENING PRAYER

We have been given the gift of time:
a whole year to make a difference
in the lives of other people.

A whole year to grow in faith.

A whole year to make peace and
justice a reality.

A whole year to create, to love, to
grow.

Thank you, God, for this gift of time.
Help us to use it wisely and to
remember that the gift of this time
comes but once.

+Amen

Land Acknowledgement

We are here to pay respect and recognize that this is the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, and we are here because this land was occupied. In recognizing that this space occupies colonized First Nations territories, and out of respect for the rights of Indigenous people, it is our collective responsibility to recognize our colonial histories and present-day implications and honour, protect and sustain this land.



Student Artist: Thea-St. Bonaventure

MINUTES

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre - Boardroom

Attendees:	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee - Chair
	Dely Farrace	Brampton Caledon Community Living - Vice Chair - Representative
	Liza Dowson	Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders - Representative
	Lissette Gaylie	Easter Seals Ontario - Representative
	Caroline Huxtable	Epilepsy South Central Ontario - Representative
	Lisa Papaloni	Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region - Representative
	Pam Boniferro	Dufferin-Peel Educational Resource Workers' Association - Alternative
	Andrea Isaac	OECTA Elementary - Alternative
	Laurie-Anne Clark	Member At Large, Central Committee for Catholic School Councils
Regrets:	Luz del Rosario	Alternate Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Alternate Trustee
	Heather Bialowas	Down Syndrome Association of Peel: Caring Network - Representative
	Airene Cunanan	Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter - Alternative
	Myra Del Rosario	ABC Association for Bright Children - Representative
	Janice Hatton	Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter - Representative
	Christine Koczmar	Community Living Mississauga - Representative
	Herman Vioria	Alternate Trustee
	Debbie Hammond	Dufferin-Peel Educational Resource Workers' Association - Representative
	Shanna Walsh	Down Syndrome Assoc. of Peel: Caring Network - Alternative
Staff:	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Teresa Abbruscato	Consultant, Secondary Transitions and Diverse Learners
	Sabrina Baiana	Coordinator, Diverse Learning Needs
	Kristie Boily	Consultant, Diverse Learning Needs
	Tammie Cameron	Consultant, Diverse Learning Needs
	Clementine D'Souza	Consultant, Secondary Transitions and Diverse Learners
	Pina Grosso	Chief of Social Work
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
	Alexandra Lawrence	Coordinator, Diverse Learning Needs
	Eliane Moniz-Baptista	Consultant, Diverse Learning Needs
	Laura Odo	Superintendent Representative
	Cristine Pergotski	Association of Professional Student Services Personnel
	Laura Pincente	Coordinator, Secondary Transitions and Diverse Learners
	Gina Renda	Principal, Vice Principal Association, Secondary
	Jacqueline Toste	Consultant, Diverse Learning Needs
Recorder:	Katherine Magee	Executive Assistant, Special Education and Learning Services

Advent Liturgy

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair of SEAC, Bruno Iannicca, called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment - L. Gaylie
4. Approval of Agenda

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, November 15, 2023

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 15, 2023, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Previous Business

Superintendent Papaloni reminded the committee that she has not yet received their letter to the Ministry regarding the Ministry's response to the shortage of ERWs. This can be revisited in the new year should the committee wish to submit one.

B. Presentations and Staff Reports

1. Special Education Plan Feedback: S. Baiana

Superintendent Papaloni introduced S. Baiana, Coordinator, Special Education. S. Baiana discussed the feedback form for the Special Education Plan, which will be sent to the committee after the meeting. She discussed the cycle for renewal of the education plan. She asked the committee members to use the link and provide feedback.

2. Entry Planning and Transition for Students with Differing Abilities: J. Toste

Superintendent Papaloni introduced J. Toste, Consultant, Special Education. J. Toste discussed the upcoming event *Entry Planning and Transition*. It is an event for students with differing abilities joining our community. The flyer for the event will be forwarded to the committee after the meeting.

L. Dowson asked for clarification on what *Entry Planning and Transition* event involves. J. Toste explained that it is for any new student with differing abilities, coming to our school board for the new school year. The family will receive information on the transitioning process and will be able to connect with staff members.

C. Budget - Nil

D. Reports from Trustees for Receipt

Trustee Bruno Iannicca indicated that the date of the Anti-Human Trafficking presentation has been set for January 18th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Information will be sent through the schools, and it will be sent out to the committee through Katherine.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca mentioned that at the last Board Meeting he was elected to represent this committee and there will be an election to select the chair for this committee at the January SEAC meeting.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca thanked all the special guests who attended tonight. He also wished L. Gaylie all the best as she resigns from the committee.

Superintendent Papaloni and staff presented a token of appreciation to L. Gaylie, thanking her for her 12 years of service.

E. Information/Reports from Community Associations - Nil

F. Information and Correspondence - Nil

G. Communication - Nil

H. Questions Asked by Committee Members

L. Gaylie asked if the committee was still planning on inviting a member of the Ministry of Education to have a chance to ask them questions. Superintendent Papaloni answered that this would be possible to do. L. Gaylie also mentioned that training for SEAC members would be helpful. She also mentioned that the Ministry should be made aware that funds are still needed for renovations to provide greater accessibility. Trustee Bruno Iannicca responded that if any school in this school board has any accessibility issues, this should be emailed to the board, and it will be immediately addressed.

L. Dowson asked if students with differing abilities will be in the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP). Superintendent Papaloni answered that this will be addressed at next month's SEAC meeting when Superintendent Vecchiarino presents the MYSP. They do choose students with differing abilities, but they are not specifically identified, as many of our programs are all inclusive.

D. Farrace thanked L. Gaylie for all her work with this committee.

L. Dowson added her gratitude to L. Gaylie for helping her when she first joined SEAC and thanked her for her advocacy.

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CARRIED

J. Adjournment

Moved by L. Gaylie

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:49 P.M.

CARRIED