

MINUTES

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre**

Attendees:	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee - Chair
	Dely Farrace	Brampton Caledon Community Living - Vice Chair - Representative
	Caroline Huxtable	Epilepsy South Central Ontario - Representative
	Christine Koczmaro	Community Living Mississauga - Representative
	Lisa Papaloni	Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region - Representative
	Sheena Tennessee	Member at Large, Central Committee for Catholic School Councils
Regrets:	Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi	Alternate Trustee
	Luz del Rosario	Alternate Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Alternate Trustee
	Airene Cunanan	Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter - Alternative
	Eva Akinsara	Down Syndrome Association of Peel - Representative
	Janice Hatton	Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter - Representative
	Myra Del Rosario	ABC Association for Bright Children - Representative
	Pam Boniferro	Dufferin-Peel Educational Resource Workers' Association - Alternative
	Shanna Walsh	Down Syndrome Assoc. of Peel: Caring Network - Alternative
Staff:	Alexandra Lawrence	Coordinator, Special Education and Learning Services
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Spec Education
	Cristine Pergotski	Association of Professional Student Services Personnel
	Eliane Moniz-Baptista	Coordinator, Special Education and Learning Services
	Gemma Rea	Consultant, Special Education
	Jacqueline Toste	Consultant, Diverse Learning Needs
	Jessica Lim	Consultant, Special Education
	Joanne Dean	Chief, Speech/Language/Hearing/Vision
	Katherine Cordi	Consultant, Special Education
	Katherine Magee	Executive Assistant, Special Education and Learning Services - Recorder
	Kristie Boily	Consultant, Special Education and Learning Services
	Laura Pincete	Coordinator, Secondary Transitions and Diverse Learners
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Pina Grosso	Chief of Social Work
	Ruba Jeorgy	Dufferin-Peel Educational Resource Workers Association - Representative
	Sharon Chambers	Principal, Vice Principal Association, Elementary
	Teresa Abbruscato	Consultant, Special Education
	Monica Thompson	Principal, Vice Principal Association, Elementary

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair of SEAC, Bruno Iannicca, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

2. Year-End Liturgy
3. Land Acknowledgment
4. Approval of Agenda - Lisa Papaloni

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, May 21, 2025

Moved by Caroline Huxtable

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, MAY 21, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Previous Business - Nil

B. Presentations and Staff Reports

1. Program Updates: A. Lawrence

Superintendent Papaloni introduced Alexandra Lawrence, Coordinator, Special Education, to update the committee on Special Education programs. A. Lawrence discussed the reorganization of the IDEA program site locations to ensure balanced support for all schools. Superintendent Papaloni mentioned that this change is due to the reorganization of the Family of Schools.

2. Puratos: L. Pincente

Superintendent Papaloni introduced L. Pincente, Coordinator, Special Education, to present the Puratos project. L. Pincente announced the new partnership between Puratos Canada and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. This collaboration blends skills development with academics, promising hands-on experience for students. Puratos Bakery School foundation spans the world with bakery schools and is a charitable foundation. Dufferin-Peel will be the very first Puratos Bakery school in Canada. This will provide students with job opportunities in the future. K. Boily, Consultant, Special Education, continued the presentation with information on objectives with this initiative. She mentioned that Father Michael Goetz CSS will be the host site for this pilot. She explained the process for students to apply to and be considered for this program. The project started in mid-2024, and the first program will start semester 2, February 2026. The first criteria to qualify is a love of baking. There will be 25 spots available to start. Students with special needs will also be able to participate.

3. Parent Reaching Out Grant Updates: T. Abbruscato

Superintendent Papaloni introduced T. Abbruscato, Consultant, Special Education, to provide updates for the Parent Reaching Out Event Employment Supports Resource Fair. The event was held on Wednesday, May 28th at St. Marcellinus CSS. The event provided opportunities for students and families to receive information on employment supports planning.

C. Budget - Nil

D. Reports from Trustees for Receipt

Trustee Bruno Iannicca discussed the Prom Night event which he attended on May 30th. The students had the opportunity to dance and enjoy a fun evening with peers. There was a quiet room to accommodate anyone in need of a break. Trustee Bruno Iannicca explained the report on secondary school washroom vandalism and vaping issues, including vape detecting device installations. He will forward the report to Katherine to send to the committee.

E. Information/Reports from Community Associations - Nil

F. Information and Correspondence - Nil

G. Communication

Letter received from CCCSC to share with SEAC. S. Tennessee, Member at Large, CCCSC, addressed the letter. She discussed upcoming fall engagement events hosted and organized by CCCSC that will help gather families in the community to provide support and networking opportunities. They welcome information and resources from committee members.

H. Questions Asked by Committee Members

C. Koczmar, Community Living Mississauga representative, asked about the return of community policing in schools. Trustee Bruno Iannicca answered that they are waiting for a response from the Chief of Police regarding allowing the return of school resource officers.

I. Future Meetings

September 17, 2025
October 22, 2025
November 19, 2025
December 10, 2025
January 14, 2026
February 11, 2026
March 4, 2026
April 15, 2026
May 13, 2026
June 10, 2026

J. Adjournment

Trustee Bruno Iannicca thanked committee members and staff for their hard work and contributions.
Moved by Caroline Huxtable

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:23P.M.

CARRIED