

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, January 16, 2006
7:30 p.m. – Main Board Room

Members/Alternates present: Mrs. R.A. McAuley; Mrs. M. Bursey; Mrs. A.A. LeMay;
Mrs. L. Volkers; Mr. D. Goch; Mrs. L. Kovalchek, Ms. G. Pearce;
Ms. L. Stanciulescu; Mrs. M. Hastings, Mrs. M. Forhan,

Members absent: Ms. H. Ross; Mrs. R. Quesnel; Mr. C. Learn

Staff present: Mr. G. Mahoney, Superintendent, Special Education Services
Mrs. M. Martino, Special Education Consultant
Mrs. T. Browne, Special Education Consultant
Mrs. V. Goodwin-Duncan, Special Education Consultant
Mrs. J. Parisi, Special Education Consultant
Ms. E. Sweeney-Hurd, Itinerant SERT/LD
Ms. O. Dilay, Itinerant SERT/LD
Ms. C. Rideski, Itinerant SERT/LD
Mr. P. Harper, Itinerant SERT/LD
Ms. E. Bukvic, Itinerant SERT/Gifted
Ms. M. Morrissey, Itinerant SERT/Gifted
Ms. J. Veel-Saunders, Itinerant SERT/Gifted (Secondary)

Recording Secretary: M. MacLellan

1. **Call to Order**
 - 1.1 **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

The meeting opened with a prayer.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

<p>RECOMMENDATION <i>Moved by: Alice Anne LeMay</i> <i>Seconded by: Mary Forhan</i> THAT, the agenda for the January 16, 2006, SEAC meeting be approved as amended. CARRIED</p>

3. **Actions to be taken**
 - 3.1 **Approval of SEAC Minutes – November 21, 2005**

<p>RECOMMENDATION <i>Moved by: Lori Kovalchek</i> <i>Seconded by: Dave Goch</i> THAT, the minutes for the November 16, 2005 SEAC meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED</p>
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4. **Presentation**

There were no presentations.

5. **Action Items**

There were no action items.

6. Reports/Updates/Discussion

6.1 Update – LD Learning Centre

*Victoria Goodwin-Duncan, Carol Rideski, Erin Sweeney-Hurd,
Paul Harper, Oksana Dilay*

Members were informed that the first Learning Disabilities Learning Centre (LDLC) will open at Canadian Martyrs School on January 31, 2006. The second session of the LDLC will take place at St. John School in Oakville and a north site is yet to be determined. There will be twelve students in attendance, all of whom are identified with a Learning Disability.

The primary goal of the LDLC is to encourage the use of technology for improvement in the areas of literacy and numeracy. The guiding principles for the LDLC are outlined in the Ministry's "Education for All" document.

6.2 Update – Anti-bullying Program

Theresa Wilson

Members were informed that by June 2006, the "Working Together" Program (the Board's Anti-bullying Program) will have been implemented in 14 schools.

The Ministry has released a new document, "Shaping Safer Schools", outlining Board responsibilities in the area of bullying prevention for September 2006. John Langill will be establishing and chairing our Board's "Safe School Action Team" which will be responsible for reviewing and implementing the Ministry guidelines for September 2006.

6.3 Update – Range of Placement Report

Gary Mahoney

Gary Mahoney announced the start of action on the Review of Range of Placement as contained in the current Special Education Plan. The Review would address the issue in both elementary and secondary panels. One elementary and one secondary principal or vice-principal would co-chair the committee.

The naming of a chair to lead a review of service to Developmental Disability students is also pending.

6.4 Update – Gifted Program

Eileen Bukvic, Michelle Morrissey

Information was presented that, arising from the internal Review of the Gifted Program and Services in 2002-2003, the Itinerant Special Education Resource Teachers for elementary Gifted Education were given an outline of key objectives and goals to be incorporated into the Board's Gifted Program model.

Objectives achieved in 2004-2005 included revised Gifted Screening and Curriculum (matching Catholic Graduate and Ontario Curriculum grade level expectations with units of study in Itinerant small group sessions and Board-level congregated events).

The Web-based survey results included the opinions of 34% of the parents of identified students between grades 5 and 8 and showed that most were very satisfied with the Program.

The on-going objectives of the Gifted Program include: targeting areas for improvement on the Gifted IEP, the input of all stakeholders through Web-based surveys, addressing the social emotional needs of our students in small group sessions and Board events, working on smooth transitions to secondary schools, and further professional development for SERTs and classroom teachers.

7. Information

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8. Agency Updates

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9. Future Agenda Items

9.1 Special Education – Range of Placement Report

9.2 Chair for DD Committee

9.3 Pandemic Plans

10. Date of Next Meeting

February 20, 2006

11. Adjournment

11.1 Motion for Absenteeism

RECOMMENDATION	<i>Moved by:</i>	<i>Alice Anne LeMay</i>
	<i>Seconded by:</i>	<i>L. Kovalchuk</i>
<i>THAT, Ms. H. Ross, Ms. R. Quesnel and Mr. C. Learn be excused.</i>		
CARRIED		

11.2 Motion for Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION	<i>Moved by:</i>	<i>A. A. LeMay</i>
	<i>Seconded by:</i>	<i>Luisa Volkers</i>
<i>THAT, the meeting adjourn.</i>		
CARRIED		

11.3 Closing Prayer

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 9:30 p.m.