

Halton Catholic District School Board

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

Monday, March 27, 2006
7:30 p.m. – Board Room,
Catholic Education Centre

Members/Alternates Present: Ms. M. Bursey; Mr. D. Goch; Ms. M. Hastings; Mr. C. Learn;
Mrs. A.A. LeMay; Mrs. R.A. McAuley, Chair;
Mrs. R. Quesnel; Ms. L. Stanculescu

Members Excused: Mrs. M. Forhan; Mrs. L. Kovalchek; Ms. G. Pearce;
Mr. B. Quesnel; Ms. H. Ross; Ms. L. Volkers

Staff Present: Mr. G. Mahoney, Superintendent of Special Education Services
Mrs. K. Slomka, Special Education Consultant

Recording Secretary: Ms. A. Swinden

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer and Welcome

The meeting opened with a prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

7.1 *Learning Disabilities Association of Halton: Advocacy and the IPRC Process* M. Hastings

7.2 *Autism Society of Ontario, Halton Chapter: Fundraiser* C. Learn

The following item was removed from the agenda:

6.1 Response to LD Minority Report G. Mahoney

*Report will be sent out to SEAC members electronically once it has been completed.

<p>RECOMMENDATION Moved by: A. LeMay Seconded by: M. Hastings THAT, the agenda for the March 27, 2006 SEAC meeting be approved as amended. CARRIED</p>

3. Actions to be taken

3.1 Approval of SEAC Minutes – February 20, 2006

<p>RECOMMENDATION Moved by: D. Goch Seconded by: C. Learn THAT, the minutes for the February 20, 2006 SEAC meetings be approved as presented. CARRIED</p>
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4. Presentation

4.1 St. James After-School Pilot Project D. Campbell

Daniela Campbell, Special Education Resource Teacher at St. James Catholic Elementary School, addressed the *After School Program for Medically Fragile/Technologically Dependent (MFTD) Children*. The program, which was piloted for eight (8) weeks last fall at St. James Catholic Elementary School in Oakville, provided students assigned to the Community Livings Class at St. James children with a variety of after-school activities including stretching, range of motion, snack, relaxation time, play time, and craft activity time. An evaluation was completed by participants and parents at

the end of the program; results of the evaluations indicated that the pilot was an overall success. D. Campbell noted that a second session will be implemented at St. James Catholic Elementary School beginning April 18th 2006. She added that in September the program will be available at St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School for all students in Burlington, as well as at St. James Catholic Elementary School for all students in Oakville.

G. Mahoney expressed his appreciation for the significant efforts and dedication of D. Campbell and the other members of the committee involved in the implementation of the after-school program.

5. Action Items

There were no action items.

6. Reports/Updates/Discussion

6.1 Response to LD Minority Report

This item was removed.

6.2 Halton Showcase 2006 Update

K. Slomka

K. Slomka informed the SEAC committee that the *Halton Showcase 2006 Resource Fair for People with Disabilities* will take place on Thursday, April 27, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Milton Sports Centre. K. Slomka noted that to date 30 service providers have confirmed their attendance at the fair. Students, parents, and staff members are encouraged to attend.

6.3 'Staying Safe Saying No' Update

K. Slomka

K. Slomka advised the committee that *Burlington Counselling and Family Services* and *Halton Support Network for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities* will be providing an evening information session for families entitled *Staying Safe, Saying "No"*. The session will take place on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Tansley Woods Community Centre in Burlington; parents must register to attend.

7. Information

7.1 LDAH: Advocacy and the IPRC Process

M. Hastings

M. Hastings provided for the committee's consideration, information on a meeting scheduled for April 8th regarding the IPRC process for parents. She noted that the meeting, which will be attended by Ministry officials, will highlight the rights afforded to students through the Education Act, as well as the various types of special education programs and services available.

R. Quesnel suggested that Moira Sinclair be invited to address the Board's SEAC at a future meeting; G. Mahoney indicated that he would look into the matter and follow up with SEAC members.

7.2 Evelyn Maitland Foundation 2nd Annual Fundraiser

C. Learn

C. Learn provided for the committee's information and consideration, details of the 2nd Annual Fundraising Event organized by the *Evelyn Maitland Foundation*. The fundraising event will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006; all proceeds from the fundraiser will go to Autism Society.

7.3 IPRC Committee Chairs

G. Mahoney

G. Mahoney indicated that Mary Tessari, Principal at Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School in Burlington, and Janet Foster, Vice Principal at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School in Oakville, have been selected as chairs for the Board's Identification, Placement, and Review Committee. He noted that the chairs will be invited to attend a future SEAC meeting.

7.4 LD Presentation*G. Mahoney*

G. Mahoney noted that the presentation on Adaptive Technology, which was previously provided to staff, will be presented again on April 26th (during the day and in the evening).

7.5 Special Olympics*M. Bursey*

M. Bursey indicated that the Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition is taking place in Oakville on April 8th 2006. She added that coaches are required for basketball; volunteers are welcome.

8. Agency Updates

There were no agency updates.

9. Future Agenda Items

Budgetary Process – Structure and Guidelines

*G. Mahoney***10. Date of Next Meeting**

April 24, 2006

D. Goch and A.A. LeMay noted that they will not be able to attend the April 24th meeting, as it occurs on the same date as this year's *Sharing the Spirit Awards Ceremony*.

Other Items**B.P. Fichaud Spirit of Inclusion Award 2006**

It was determined that Gordon Krantz, Mayor of the Town of Milton, will be invited to participate in the selection of the recipients for this year's *B.P. Fichaud Spirit of Inclusion Award*. Once submissions from the schools have been received in the office of G. Mahoney, they will be compiled and forwarded to the selection committee. This year's selection committee is comprised of R. Quesnel, L. Kovalchek, M. Forhan, and D. Goch.

11. Adjournment**11.1 Motion for Absenteeism****RECOMMENDATION***Moved by: C. Learn**Seconded by: R. Quesnel**THAT, M. Forhan; L. Kovalchek; L. Volkens; G. Pearce; and H. Ross be excused.***CARRIED****11.2 Motion for Adjournment****RECOMMENDATION***Moved by: A. A. LeMay**Seconded by: R. Quesnel**THAT, the meeting adjourn.***CARRIED****11.3 Closing Prayer**

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:15 p.m.