

Halton Catholic District School Board

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

Monday, September 25, 2006
7:30 p.m. – Board Room,
Catholic Education Centre

Members/Alternates Present: Mr. D. Goch, Mrs. R. McAuley, Mrs. R. Quesnel, Mrs. L. Volkers,
Mrs. L. Stanciulescu, Mrs. M. Bursey

Members Excused: Ms. H. Ross, Mrs. A. LeMay, Mr. C. Learn, Mrs. M. Hastings,
Mrs. L. Kovalchek

Staff Present: Mr. G. Mahoney, Superintendent of Special Education Services
Mrs. S. Miller, SERT, Learning Disabilities Learning Centre
Mrs. V. Goodwin-Duncan, Special Education Consultant
Mrs. M. Martino, Special Education Consultant

Recording Secretary: Mrs. M. MacLellan

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer and Welcome

The meeting opened with a prayer. As there was no quorum, this meeting consisted of information items only.

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Actions to be taken

4. Presentation

5. Action Items

6. Reports/Updates/Discussion

6.1 Learning Disabilities Learning Centre

Sandra Miller, V. Goodwin-Duncan

Sandra Miller and Victoria Goodwin-Duncan informed the membership that the Learning Disabilities Learning Centre Pilot Project was a great success. We are planning to open a second Learning Disabilities Learning Centre at St. Joan of Arc Elementary School in Oakville this year.

6.2 Triple A and Trac

Martha Martino

Martha Martino advised that this is the third year the Transition Centre has been operating at St. Patrick School. In the 2005-2006 school year, the Centre was also opened up to Development Disabilities students, which will be continued this year.

6.3 Proposal to CODE

Gary Mahoney, V. Goodwin-Duncan

Victoria Goodwin-Duncan informed SEAC that Kathy Shaffer is the new Ministry contact person for our Board. Our new proposal is presently being developed and will be submitted to the Ministry on September 29, 2006. Gary advised that data, showing the importance and success of the LDLC, may help attain future CODE financial assistance. We are fortunate to have the input of the Board's two research staff members.

7. Information

7.1 Central Office Special Education Staff List 2006-2007

The membership received a list of locations and telephone extensions for the Special Education Services Department staff.

7.2 Schedule of Presentations 2006-2007

Gary Mahoney advised that a schedule of presentations is presently being created and will

be shared upon its completion.

7.3 Gerry Bloomfield Award

The Gerry Bloomfield Award for dedicated service and contributions to the Autism community was awarded to Chuck Learn. As Chuck was absent this evening, he will be congratulated at the meeting in October.

8. Agency Updates

ABC Laura Stanciulescu informed the SEAC members that a new document has been posted on it's provincial website, which was developed in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

Ruth Anne McAuley offered to share information she received via a newsletter for families of children with mental health issues.

9. Future Agenda Items

9.1 Revised Special Education Annual Plan

9.2 Range of Placement Review Up-date

10. Date of Next Meeting

October 30, 2006

11. Adjournment

11.3 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with a prayer at 9:10 p.m.