

**Halton Catholic District School Board
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, June 22, 2009
7:00 p.m. – Board Room
Catholic Education Centre

Members/Alternates Present: K. Drexler; P. Houlahan; C. Learn; L. Kovalchek (Chair); J. Matters; C. McCarney; B. Riviera; L. Preza; M. Hospital; M. McDermott; J. Trovato; R. Quesnell

Staff Present: T. Browne, Consultant
C. Bauman, Consultant
J. Foster, Supervising Principal
V. Goodwin-Duncan, Consultant
S. Miller, Consultant
J. Parisi, Consultant
K. Slomka, Consultant
T. Wilson, Chief Social Worker
S. Rossini, Superintendent, Special Education

Members Excused: L. Volkers; J. Matters

Members Absent:

Recording Secretary: N. Brock

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

1.2 Introduction of New SEAC Member, Lisa Preza – Association for Bright Children (ABC) L. Preza

L. Preza introduced Mary Hospital, the Board's newly appointed alternate member of SEAC, representing the Halton Chapter of the Association for Bright Children (ABC).

L. Kovalchek welcomed Mary Hospital and thanked S. Rossini and staff for the dinner.

2. Approval of Agenda

RECOMMENDATION	<i>Moved by: R. Quesnel</i>	
	<i>Seconded by: C. McCarney</i>	
THAT, the agenda be approved as amended.		CARRIED

3. Actions to be taken

3.1 Approval of Minutes – May25, 2009

RECOMMENDATION	<i>Moved by: P. Houlahan</i>	
	<i>Seconded by: R. Quesnel</i>	
THAT, the minutes for the May25, 2009 SEAC meeting be approved as submitted.		CARRIED

4. Presentations

4.1 Consultants "Year in Review"

Consultants

The Special Education Consultants individually presented to the members of SEAC a detailed overview of their portfolios for the 2008-2009 school year. Highlights included PowerPoint presentations and musical slideshows showcasing our students in their classrooms and their involvement in various activities. A summary of student successes, observation of student achievement and student development was depicted. Discussion took place around the April 24th PA Day, PPM 140, SIP/SEA Geneva Training on September 15, 2009 and the SIP submission deadline of December 15, 2009 for the new school year. K. Slomka provided a handout outlining goals set this year along with a link to the secondary Spec Ed website which provides helpful tips and ideas as well as links to other sites.

L. Kovalchek thanked the Consultants for their dedication and hard work

5. Action Items

5.1 Change of April SEAC Meeting Date for 2009-2010 – Student Achievement Awards

RECOMMENDATION

THAT, the Halton Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) accept the change of the Monday, April 26, 2010 meeting date to Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

All in favour **CARRIED**

5.2 Motion from April SEAC Minutes

Discussion was held regarding rewording to acknowledge the spirit of the *Motion* put forth at the April SEAC meeting. It was noted that SEAC's intent was clear that these classrooms remain a part of the school community. P. Houlahan committed to, in consultation with S. Rossini around wording, request a motion on the table at the September Board Meeting.

6. Reports/Updates/Discussion

6.1 Special Education Annual Plan

S. Rossini

S. Rossini provided copies of the Special Education Annual Plan which highlighted the edits made to date. Each SEAC member was asked to review the plan and send any suggestions of edits to N. Brock no later than Friday, July 10, 2009. The final copy will be submitted to the Ministry in September 2009.

7. Information

7.1 Integration Action for Inclusion in School and Community Project

S. Rossini

S. Rossini provided to the members of SEAC, the "*Integration Action for Inclusion in School and Community Project*" document for their review. She illustrated best practices and framework that is used as both pro's and con's to the integration. Discussion was held around the benefits as well as range of options that are available. A demonstration using the elements was suggested.

L. Kovalchek suggested the topic be deferred to the September/October SEAC meeting looking at integration and areas for improvement.

7.2 Superintendent's Report

S. Rossini

S. Rossini provided to the members of SEAC, the most recent addition of the Ministry Advisory Council Special Education (MACSE) handout for information.

7.3 SECTION 23

S. Rossini described in detail, the Section 23 class currently running at Nelson Secondary School in Burlington and announced a new Section 23 class will be opening in Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School in Burlington.

As requested at the May SEAC meeting, S. Zucker forwarded further information of the updated budget and break down of areas within the budget. S. Rossini provided the handout for member information.

7.4 Hoops for All

L. Kovalchek shared with the members of SEAC the Sixth Annual 'Hoops for All' Special Olympics Inclusive Basketball Event which was held on Thursday, May 28, 2009. Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School hosted the event and it's students participated in cheering on the Special Education students.

7.5 Resignation of Chuck Learn, Autism Society Ontario, Halton Chapter

L. Kovalchek

L. Kovalchek formally recognized C. Learn's resignation and thanked him for his many years and dedication.

S. Rossini thanked all the members of SEAC for making this year a very pleasurable experience. She looks forward to more great work next year. R. Quesnell thanked S. Rossini on behalf of the members of SEAC.

8. Agency Updates

No Agency Updates.

9. Future Agenda Items - June

- 9.1 Integration Action for Inclusion in School and Community Project
- 9.2 Assistive Technology for All" report
- 9.3 Phoneme Touch & Say
- 10.5 Home Instruction for Special Education Students

S. Rossini
SEAC member
all
T. Wilson

10. Future Agenda Items:

- 10.3 Snoozlen Rooms
- 10.3 Impact of Proposed Full Day Kindergarten on Special Education Resources
- 10.4 Provincial IEP Changes

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11. Next Meeting: September 28, 2009

12. Adjournment

12.1 Motion for Absenteeism

<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p><i>THAT, J. Matters be excused.</i></p>	<p><i>Moved by: C. McCarney</i> <i>Seconded by: R. Quesnel</i></p>	<p>CARRIED</p>
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12.2 Motion for Adjournment

<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p><i>THAT, the meeting adjourn.</i></p>	<p><i>Moved by: P. Houlahan</i> <i>Seconded by: R. Quesnel</i></p>	<p>CARRIED</p>
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12.3 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with a prayer at 9:49 p.m.