

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 24, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Catholic Education Centre - Board Room
802 Drury Lane
Burlington, Ontario

Members Present B. Agnew
L. Cipparrone (Chair)
L. Currie
D. Hotopeleanu
A. Iantomasi
M. Lourenco
L. Stephenson

Staff Present B. Browne, Superintendent of Special Education Services
W. Reid-Purcell, Special Education Coordinator

Members Excused R. Barreiro
H. Karabela
C. Parreira
R. Quesnel
S. Trites
D. Rabenda

Recording Secretary J. Crew

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

1.1 Opening Prayer,

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. with a prayer led by L. Cipparrone.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Item 2.1 PAaC on SEAC presentation was deferred; item 3:3 Motion re: Easter Seals Ontario was added.

Moved by: B. Agnew

Seconded by: L. Stephenson

RESOLVED, that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

2. Presentations

2.1 PAaC on SEAC Resources Update (R. Quesnel)

Presentation was deferred.

3. Actions to be taken

3.1 Minutes of the September 26, 2016 SEAC Meeting

Clarification was provided on meeting guidelines.

Moved by: L. Stephenson

Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the September 26, 2016 SEAC Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote and the motion **CARRIED**.

3.2 Motion re: Member at Large (L. Cipparrone)

At the September SEAC meeting members were asked to put forth recommendations for consideration to replace J. Rowles' retirement from SEAC as a Member at Large. The Chair read an application for Member at Large.

Moved by: D. Hotopeleanu

Seconded by: B. Agnew

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee accept the nomination of J. Parisi as a Member-at-Large on the Board's SEAC and recommend that the Halton Catholic District School Board appoint J. Parisi to SEAC effective November 2016 until November 2018.

The Chair called a vote and it **CARRIED**.

M. Lourenco abstained from voting and requested that her objection to the process be recorded in the minutes.

3.3 Motion re: Easter Seals Ontario (L. Cipparrone)

The Chair read a letter from Easter Seals Ontario requesting a change in representation on HCDSB's SEAC to nominate the current alternate representative for Easter Seals Ontario to representative member and the current representative member for Easter Seals Ontario to alternate representative member.

Moved by: M. Lourenco

Seconded by: L. Stephenson

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee accept the nomination of B. Agnew as representative for Easter Seals Ontario; and C. Parreira as alternate representative for Easter Seals Ontario and recommend that the Halton Catholic District School Board appoint B. Agnew and C. Parreira to SEAC effective November 2016 until November 2018.

The Chair called a vote and it **CARRIED**.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

5.1 Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

The Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings was reviewed.

6. Action Items

6.1 Spirit of Inclusion Award Criteria (L. Cipparrone)

Current criteria wording was reviewed and discussed. B. Agnew will provide some suggested wording changes. Other recommendations or suggested changes can be submitted via email.

7. Communications to SEAC

7.1 Superintendent's Report

B. Browne provided updates on the follow topics:

- Gifted Testing Process
- Course for Teachers to Support Gifted Students
- Gifted Parent Night will take place on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Corpus Christi
- Mental Health (MH):
 - provincial meetings take place today and tomorrow Mental Health Leads and Superintendents (SOs) responsible for MH participate
 - B. Browne sits on the provincial steering committee for SOs sharing learning and collaboration and best practices on clinical and academic elements of the portfolio
 - Focus this year will be a consolidation of programs and measures of their effectiveness from an HCDSB perspective through the Research Department
- Special Needs Strategy; Integrated Rehab Committee
- Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Claims
- OCASE Conference Ontario Council will be December 1st; connecting around the province regarding special education issues of provincial concern
- Life Skills/Best Buddies Christmas Dance will take place at Assumption Catholic Secondary School from 10:00 to 1:30 on Tuesday, December 13th SEAC members are invited
- Cross Country Event; photos were shared
- A good news story/video featuring a student from St. Vincent was shared

7.2 Association Reports

7.2.1 ABC Ontario Association Report (M. Lourenco)

A Gifted Education course is being offered at Wilfrid Laurier University in March - April 2017.

The course provides an overview of the nature and needs of gifted students and how to differentiate instruction for them in the regular classroom. Attention will be given to developing Individual Education Plans (IEPs) which detail modifications in the curriculum to meet the needs of individual students

M. Lourenco will contact the presenter to determine whether the course applies toward a certificate, a masters or as an Additional Qualifications (AQ) Course.

7.3 Trustee Report

A. Iantomasi reported on recent Board meetings and upcoming items.

7.4 Sub-Committee Update

Soundbytes: proposed topics from now to next school year have been established; articles are in the process of being written and will be sent out for review.

November's Soundbyte will be emailed for review; December should be ready by the middle of November.

Staff will speak with I.T. to have Soundbytes posted on the website; a message will also be posted to reference how to locate minutes

Subcommittee composing a letter for the Ministry has not yet met.

7.5 Reports from Other Stakeholder Meetings **CPIC Council of Chairs Meeting (B. Agnew)**

Conversations have begun with CPIC; SEAC will be on the agenda of the February CPIC meeting. The last meeting contained a very interesting presentation on the Renewed Math Strategy.

It was determined that a presentation on the Renewed Math Strategy, in particular, how it relates to all exceptional students be added to the future SEAC agenda items.

8. Information Items

9. Questions from the Public

10. SEAC Discussion

10.1 Survey Topic Results (L. Cipparrone)

Based on the survey results agenda topics were ranked as follows:*

- i. Independence Rubric
- ii. Special Needs Strategy / Integrated Rehab
- iii. SLP implementations
- iv. Mental Health Updates
- v. Differentiate Instruction

*The 'Renewed Math Strategy' will also be added to future agenda topics. As other topics arise, they can be added accordingly.

11. Next Agenda: Meeting Monday, November 28, 2016

The next meeting will begin at 7:00 pm followed by the webinar at 7:30 pm.

12. Adjournment

12.1 Resolution re Absentees

Moved by: M. Lourenco

Seconded by: B. Agnew

RESOLVED, that R. Barreiro, H. Karabela, C. Parreira, R. Quesnel, D. Rabenda, S. Trites be excused. **CARRIED**

12.2 Adjournment and Closing Prayer (L. Cipparrone)

Moved by: B. Agnew

Seconded by: D. Hotopeleanu

RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn. **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with a prayer led by L. Cipparrone.