

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Catholic Education Centre - Board Room
802 Drury Lane
Burlington, Ontario

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Date:	December 17, 2019	
Time:	7:30 pm	
Location:	Catholic Education Centre - Board Room 802 Drury Lane, Burlington, ON	
Trustees:	B. Agnew P. DeRosa M. Duarte, Vice Chair of the Board N. Guzzo V. Iantomasi, Chair of the Board	H. Karabela P. Murphy J. O'Hearn-Czarnota T. O'Brien
Student Trustees:	D. Caratao	D. Suan
Members Excused:	M. Bhambra	
Senior Staff:	C. Cipriano J. Crowell P. Daly, Secretary of the Board A. Lofts R. Merrick	L. Naar J. O'Hara T. Pinelli A. Prkacin
Also Present:	A. Bartucci, Communications Officer, Strategic Communications L. Beraldo-Turner, 1 st Vice President, Halton OECTA Secondary K. Boyd, President, Halton OECTA Secondary L. Collimore, Chief Officer, Research and Development J. Gligoric, Junior Communication Officer, Strategic Communications T. Hambly, President, Halton OECTA Elementary A. Nunn-DeLuca, 1 st Vice President, Halton OECTA Elementary A. Swinden, Manager, Strategic Communications F. Thibeault, Senior Manager, Planning Services	
Recording Secretary:	R. Di Pietro	

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

- 1.1 Opening Prayer, National Anthem and Oath of Citizenship (D. Caratao)**
The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with a prayer led by Student Trustee Caratao.

- 1.2 Motions Adopted In-Camera**
There were no motions adopted in-camera.

- 1.3 Information Received In-Camera**
The following information was received in-camera:

Bruce Mazer retiring effective December 31, 2019.

Carol Hryhorsky appointed as Acting Elementary Principal effective December 9, 2019 with an end date to be determined.

2. Approval of the Agenda

#10/20

Moved by: H. Karabela

Seconded by: B. Agnew

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#10/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Presentations

4.1 Keeping Christ in Christmas (Strategic Communications)

The finalists of the seventh annual 'Keeping Christ in Christmas' student contest were recognized.

T. Hambly of Halton OECTA Elementary Association and L. Beraldo-Turner of Halton OECTA Secondary Association presented the top prizes to the following winners:

Primary Division - Sebastian & Vienna Cloutier, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary School.

Junior Division - Leticia Valasquez-Berrio, St. Matthew Catholic Elementary School

Intermediate Division - Summer Campbell, St. Mark Catholic Elementary School

Secondary - Cindy (Anh) Bui, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School

OECTA President Award - Dominic Allen Malunay, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the December 3, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

#11/20

Moved by: H. Karabela

Seconded by: B. Agnew

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the December 3, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#11/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

7. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

7.1 Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

The Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings was received as information.

8. Action Items

8.1 Policy I-12 Emergency Response Plans for Fire, Evacuation, Lockdown, Hold & Secure, Shelter in Place and Bomb Threat (N. Guzzo)

#12/20

Moved by: N. Guzzo

Seconded by: M. Duarte

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee that Policy I-12 Emergency Response Plans for Fire, Evacuation, Lockdown, and Bomb Threat Response name be changed to Policy I-12 Emergency Response Plans for Fire, Evacuation, Lockdown, Hold & Secure, Shelter in Place, and Bomb Threat and be approved as amended.

The Chair called for a vote on **#12/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

8.2 Policy I-35 Trustee Honoraria (N. Guzzo)

#13/20

Moved by: N. Guzzo

Seconded by: B. Agnew

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee that Policy I-35 Trustee Honoria be approved as amended.

The Chair called for a vote on **#13/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN
B. Agnew	P. DeRosa	D. Caratao (non-binding)
M. Duarte	P. Murphy	
N. Guzzo	J. O'Hearn-Czarnota	
H. Karabela		
V. Iantomasi		
T. O'Brien		
D. Suan (non-binding)		

The motion **CARRIED**.

8.3 Policy II-19 Educational Field Trips (N. Guzzo)

#14/20

Moved by: N. Guzzo

Seconded by: B. Agnew

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee that Policy II-19 Educational Field Trips be approved as amended.

The Chair called for a vote on **#14/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

8.4 Policy II-35 Access to School Premises (N. Guzzo)**#15/20****Moved by:** N. Guzzo**Seconded by:** H. Karabela

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee that Policy II-35 Access to School Premises be approved as amended.

The Chair called for a vote on **#15/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

8.5 Policy II-42 Medical Conditions (N. Guzzo)**#16/20****Moved by:** N. Guzzo**Seconded by:** J. O'Hearn-Czarnota

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee that Policy II-42 Medical Conditions be approved as amended.

The Chair called for a vote on **#16/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

8.6 Policy II-51 Optional French Programming (French Immersion-Extended French) (N. Guzzo)**#17/20****Moved by:** N. Guzzo**Seconded by:** H. Karabela

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee that Policy II-51 Optional French Programming (French Immersion and Extended French), be approved, at third reading.

The Chair called for a vote on **#17/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN
B. Agnew	P. DeRosa	D. Suan (non-binding)
D. Caratao (non-binding)		
M. Duarte		
N. Guzzo		
H. Karabela		
P. Murphy		
T. O'Brien		
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota		

The motion **CARRIED**.

8.7 Policy III-11 Hiring and Promotion Policy, Academic and Non-Academic Personnel (N. Guzzo)**#18/20****Moved by:** N. Guzzo**Seconded by:** M. Duarte

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee that Policy III-11 Hiring and Promotion Policy, Academic and Non-Academic Personnel be approved, as amended.

The Chair called for a vote on **#18/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN
B. Agnew	P. DeRosa	D. Caratao (non-binding)
M. Duarte	P. Murphy	
N. Guzzo	J. O'Hearn-Czarnota	
H. Karabela		
V. Iantomasi		
T. O'Brien		
D. Suan (non-binding)		

The motion **CARRIED**.

8.8 Corporate and Community Investment in Education (A. Lofts) **#19/20**

Moved by: N. Guzzo

Seconded by: B. Agnew

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the donation of \$10,000 and a corresponding tax receipt issued to the donor.

The Chair called for a vote on **#19/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED
B. Agnew	T. O'Brien
D. Caratao (non-binding)	
P. DeRosa	
M. Duarte	
N. Guzzo	
H. Karabela	
V. Iantomasi	
P. Murphy	
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota	
D. Suan (non-binding)	

The motion **CARRIED**.

8.9 2020 Facility Renewal Projects: Thomas Merton Centre (Oakville) (R. Merrick) **#20/20**

Moved by: M. Duarte

Seconded by: B. Agnew

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board authorize staff to expense additional funds from available capital funding and the capital reserve for the Thomas Merton Centre (Oakville) project, and that the additional expenditures will not exceed \$1,300,000.

Trustee O'Brien made the following amendment:
...that the additional expenditures will not exceed \$1,300,000. There was no seconder to the amendment.

The Chair called for a vote on **#20/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED
B. Agnew	T. O'Brien
D. Caratao (non-binding)	
P. DeRosa	
M. Duarte	
N. Guzzo	
H. Karabela	
V. Iantomasi	
P. Murphy	
J. O'Hearn-Czarota	
D. Suan (non-binding)	

The motion **CARRIED**.

8.10 OCSTA Regional Director (V. Iantomasi)

Chair Iantomasi reviewed the election process and called for nominations for the position of OCSTA Regional Director for the period of December 17, 2019 to the conclusion of the 2021 OCSTA AGM and Conference.

Chair Iantomasi was nominated by Trustee Guzzo. The nomination was seconded by Trustee O'Brien.

Chair Iantomasi accepted the nomination.

Trustee DeRosa was nominated by Trustee Murphy. The nomination was seconded by Trustee O'Brien.

Trustee DeRosa accepted the nomination.

Trustee O'Hearn-Czarota was nominated by Trustee O'Brien. The nomination was seconded by Trustee Agnew.

Trustee O'Hearn-Czarota declined the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Chair Iantomasi passed the gavel to Vice Chair Duarte.

#21/20**Moved by:** N. Guzzo**Seconded by:** T. O'Brien**RESOLVED**, that the nominations be closed.

Vice Chair Duarte called for a vote on **#21/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Trustees voted by secret ballot. P. Daly, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board and A. Lofts, Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer of the Board tabulated the results. Student Trustees D. Caratao and D. Suan attended as scrutineers.

Trustee Iantomasi elected OCSTA Regional Director.

#22/20**Moved by:** N. Guzzo**Seconded by:** T. O'Brien

RESOLVED, that Trustee Iantomasi be appointed for the position of OCSTA Regional Director for the period of December 17, 2019 to the conclusion of the 2021 OCSTA AGM and Conference.

Vice Chair Duarte called for a vote on **#22/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Vice Chair Duarte passed the gavel back to Chair Iantomasi.

9. Staff Reports**9.1 Reducing Usage of Paper (P. Daly)**

Trustees were updated on the measures taken to reduce paper usage over the school year.

10. Information Items**10.1 Student Trustees Update (D. Caratao)**

Student Senate discussions include, their role in student mental health, student trustee elections and the student trustee application process.

10.2 School Educational Field Trips (J. Crowell)

School trips were provided as information.

Student Trustee Suan left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

10.3 Four Year Ministry Enrolment Projection and Long-Term Capital Plan Preliminary Enrolment Projection (A. Lofts)

Trustees provided with the four (4) year enrolment projection (2020-2021 to 2023-2024) as required by the Ministry of Education; and with the annual update on the elementary and secondary school enrolment for Burlington, Milton, Halton Hills and Oakville.

10.4 Capital Projects Report as at November 30, 2019 (A. Lofts)

Trustees informed of the preliminary cost of capital projects and land as of November 3, 2019.

10.5 Construction Report - (R. Merrick)

An update was provided on the St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School, Assumption Catholic Secondary School and Bishop P.F. Reding Catholic Secondary School construction projects:

10.6 Committees of the Board (V. Iantomasi)

Confirmation of committee assignments was provided to Trustees.

11. Miscellaneous Information**11.1 Minutes of the October 7, 2019 CPIC Meeting**

Minutes of the October 7, 2019 CPIC meeting were provided as information.

11.2 Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting

Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting provided as information.

12. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

13. Open Question Period

No questions were submitted.

14. In Camera

There was no follow-up In-Camera session.

15. Resolution re Absentees

#23/20

Moved by: P. DeRosa

Seconded by: N. Guzzo

RESOLVED, that Student Trustee Bhambra be excused from the meeting.

The Chair called for a vote on **#23/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

16. Adjournment and Closing Prayer (P. Murphy)

#24/20

Moved by: B. Agnew

Seconded by: P. DeRosa

RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The Chair called for a vote on **#24/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m. with a prayer led by Trustee Murphy.

Secretary of the Board

Chair



BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

DATE OF THE BOARD MEETING	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY	STATUS
September 17, 2019	Clustered Classes and Accelerated Learning Opportunities	RESOLVED , that the Halton Catholic District School Board develop a feasibility study exploring Advanced Placement (AP) courses in North Halton Hills.	Senior Staff	January 21, 2020

OUTSTANDING POLICY ITEMS

DATE OF THE BOARD MEETING	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITY	STATUS

Approved School Educational Trips

ALL PROPOSED TRIPS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED PRIOR TO APPROVAL, AND ARE CONSISTENT WITH BOARD POLICY

Dated: Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Listed by Destination

SCHOOL	GRADE(S)	# OF STUDENTS	DESTINATION	PURPOSE	DATES	COST PER PUPIL
Elementary						
St. Peter CES, Milton	7	80-90	Camp Tanamakoon, Huntsville, ON	This Grade 7 trip will have the students participating in various team building activities, orienteering, nature studies, etc. The students will learn to recognize and appreciate the importance of working together to meet the challenges in their lives and examine that all creation is sacred, and we are God's masterpiece. Students will participate in daily prayer.	Tuesday, May 19 - Friday, May 22, 2020	~\$380.28 - \$422.63
St. Anthony of Padua CES, Milton	7	90	Camp Brébeuf, Rockwood, ON	Camp Brébeuf is a Catholic leadership camp that emphasizes cooperation and leadership development. Students will participate in activities that require pride and human dignity. By experiencing camp, students will further demonstrate an understanding that God is the creator of all things, loves unconditionally and desires to be in a relationship with all creation. As well, students will further develop gifts of the body and mind. Students will develop a further understanding that humans created in God's image are called to live in a relationship with God, themselves, others and creation. Daily prayer and reflection will be included.	Wednesday, June 3 - Thursday, June 4, 2020	~\$90.00
St. Gabriel CES, Burlington	8	57	Ottawa, ON	The Grade 8 trip to Ottawa will enhance both the faith and Catholic values as the students see firsthand God's wonderful creations in the many cultural activities and historic sites in our nation's capital. The students will have the opportunity to attend Mass at the Notre Dame Basilica where their faith values will be enriched. This trip will not only reinforce the curriculum teachings, but it will also allow our students to grow and develop in their spiritual faith as they grow in appreciation of God's wonderful creations. During this trip, we will say grace before meals to thank God for the wonderful food that will be enjoyed. In addition, prior to lights out each evening, evening prayer will be led by staff.	Monday, June 1 - Wednesday, June 3, 2020	~\$680.00

Listed by Destination						
SCHOOL	GRADE(S)	# OF STUDENTS	DESTINATION	PURPOSE	DATES	COST PER PUPIL
Secondary						
Notre Dame CSS, Burlington	10, 11, 12	20	Algonquin Park, South River, ON	This trip provides each student with the opportunity to help manage the goods, property and beauty in nature that are in our possession. It allows us to teach students that humans don't really own anything, we are simply stewards. The world belongs to God and we are looking after all that comes into our area of responsibility or concern. Students will participate daily in prayers and reflection.	Tuesday, February 25 - Friday, February 28, 2020	~\$250.00
Christ the King CSS	9-12	40	New York City, USA	This trip would serve as the ultimate cultural, artistic, musical, religious and historical experience. It will enhance and reinforce curriculum, differentiate instruction, as well as meet many of the developmental assets. Students will gather together will staff daily at the beginning of each day and at the end of each day and will have the opportunity to reflect on opportunities and experiences. Students will celebrate Mass at St. Stephen on Sunday, May 17, 2020.	Thursday, May 14- Monday, May 18, 2020	~\$1,690.00

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: November 25, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Catholic Education Centre - Board Room
802 Drury Lane
Burlington, Ontario

Members Present	B. Agnew	A. Louca-Ricci
	M. Arteaga	M. Lourenco
	D. Bardon	P. Moran
	R. Barreiro	R. Quesnel
	T. Beattie	D. Rabenda
	M. Duarte	T. Veale
	D. Hotopeleanu (Vice Chair)	

Staff Present

C. Cipriano, Superintendent of Special Education Services
A. Jones, Educational Assistant Manager
D. Kollee, Chief Speech Language Pathologist
W. Reid-Purcell, Special Education Coordinator
J. Thompson, Special Education Consultant & SEA Lead

Members Excused

H. Karabela
J. Lim
Y. Taylor

Members Absent

N. Guzzo
C. Parreira

Recording Secretary

A. Hughes

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

1.1

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer led by the Chair.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: D. Rabenda

Seconded by: M. Duarte

RESOLVED, that the agenda be accepted as received.

CARRIED

2. Presentations

2.1 Special Equipment Amount (SEA) Update (J. Thompson)

J. Thompson, Special Education Consultant and SEA Lead provided an update and details on the Special Equipment Amount (SEA).

3. Actions to be taken

3.1 Minutes of the October 28, 2019 SEAC Meeting

Moved by: D. Hotopeleanu

Seconded by: M. Duarte

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the October 28, 2019 SEAC Meeting be approved as presented.

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

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

6. Action and Information Items

6.1 SEAC Goals/Topics

B. Agnew presented the logo for the new SEAC twitter account @hcdsbSEAC. Members were encouraged to share association information with the Communications Subcommittee that they would like to have posted on the twitter page. A link to an excel document will also be shared with members so they can populate it with association content to be added to the account.

B. Agnew asked members for ideas for a topic for a SEAC event. Once the topic is decided a speaker will be confirmed. One of the goals of the event is to increase parent awareness and engagement. It was agreed that the event should take place in the spring.

B. Agnew reviewed the SEAC agenda topics for the year and members provided suggestions on other ideas. The agenda will be updated and sent out to members.

6.2 PAaC on SEAC SURVEY

B. Agnew encouraged members to complete the Provincial Parent Associations Advisory Committee on Special Education Advisory Committees (PAaC on SEAC) survey that was emailed to members.

6.3 Spirit of Inclusion Update & Sub-Committee

B. Agnew reviewed the Spirit of Inclusion Award process with members and asked for volunteers to be on the Subcommittee that selects recipients.

W. Reid Purcell provided some information on including the Alternative Learning Program at the Thomas Merton Center. Members agreed to have a third Spirit of Inclusion Award category for the Alternative Learning Program. C. Cipriano explained the programs offered at the Thomas Merton Center and offered members a tour of the center.

6.4 SEAC Evaluation (Stop/Start/Continue) Extension

C. Cipriano distributed SEAC meeting evaluation forms to those members absent at the October 28th SEAC meeting and invited them to complete and submit the evaluation form. Time was allotted at the end of the meeting to complete the forms.

7. Communications to SEAC

7.1 Superintendent's Report

C. Cipriano provided updates on:

Mary Mother of God Parish in Oakville: A further memo was released by the Religion Curriculum Consultant informing all Elementary and Secondary Vice Principals and Principles of the Sensory Friendly Masses being held at Mary Mother of God Parish and to share the information with staff and community.

Mental Health Presentation Follow Up: A pamphlet was designed for students by the Mental Health Advisory and Steering committee. The working group will determine how these pamphlets will be utilized and distributed. The launch of the Suicide Prevention/Intervention/Postvention Protocol will be in April. Sharing with teachers will rollout according to school needs and how the administrator and team feel is best for their school community.

Educational Assistant Survey: On Friday November 22, 2019 all Educational Assistants were invited to complete a Board survey as part of their Professional Development Day agenda. The goal of the survey was to garner an understanding of the work climate for our EA staff and frame next steps related to wellness, satisfaction and sustainability.

Thomas Merton Center: Updates were provided on post secondary graduates and information was shared on College and University acceptances.

Empower Reading: A refresher training session was held on November 4th for all teachers currently running Empower Reading.

Special Incidence Portions (SIP) Claims: The submission process has begun.

Gifted Screening Process: The gifted screening process began in November.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): a FASD Catholic Learning Community (CLC) was held on November 22nd for I-Teams and Special Education Consultants to collaborate and build our FASD Framework.

SERT Meetings: The focus was on the Kindergarten Program and the Gifted Learner.

Special Education Department Head Meeting: The emphasis was on several Special Education issues and the Gifted Learner.

Ontario Council of Administrators of Special Education (OCASE) Conference: C. Cipriano and several Special Education Consultants attended. The day focused on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Ministry of Education was in attendance seeking feedback about Board's successes and challenges with ASD. HCDSB shared their ABA for All work.

The Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (OSLA) Symposium: Speech Language Pathologist staff attended the day on Autism, FASD training and Selective Mutism PD.

Breaking Barriers Conference: D. Kollee, Chief of Speech Language Pathologist presented on behalf of the Halton FASD Resource Team to caregivers of individuals with FASD.

Collaborative Learning Community: was held on November 1st for Special Education Staff on building the interprofessional competencies with a focus on team functioning and teaming to support students in our schools.

Secondary Principals Meeting: P. Codner, Chief Social Worker presented on November 21st on School Social Work Framework.

Life Skills Christmas Dance: takes place on Thursday December 12th at St. Ignatius of Loyola from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. All SEAC are invited and welcome to attend.

SEAC Christmas Social: C. Cipriano extended an invitation to members to attend after the December 16th SEAC meeting.

7.2 Trustee Reports

M. Duarte reported on:

- Staff made a presentation to the Board on November 5th on Human Rights and Equity and the effort done in our school system.
- Several presentations were made to the Board regarding French Programs. Trustees have requested staff to bring back a strategy to eliminate the existing wait list for September 2020.
- Policy II-19 Educational Field Trips was reviewed at the November 12th Policy meeting.

8. Next Agenda: Meeting Monday, December 16, 2019

9. Adjournment

9.1 Resolution re Absentees (Chair)

Moved by: M. Lourenco

Seconded by: D. Bardon

RESOLVED, that N. Guzzo, H. Karabela, J. Lim, Y. Taylor be excused.

CARRIED

9.2 Adjournment and Closing Prayer (Chair)

Moved by: M. Lourenco

Seconded by: R. Barreiro

RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

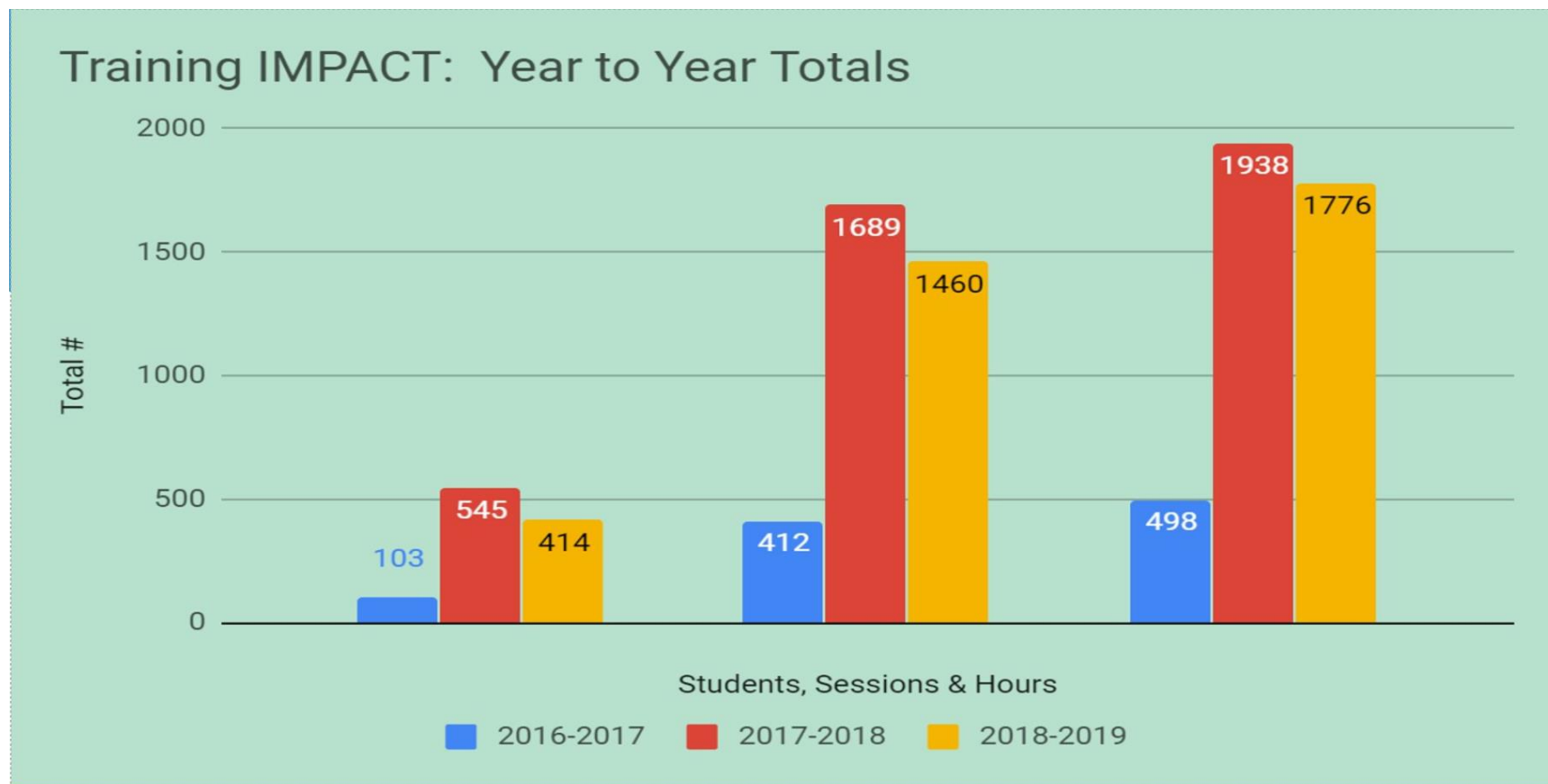
The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. with a prayer led by the Chair.



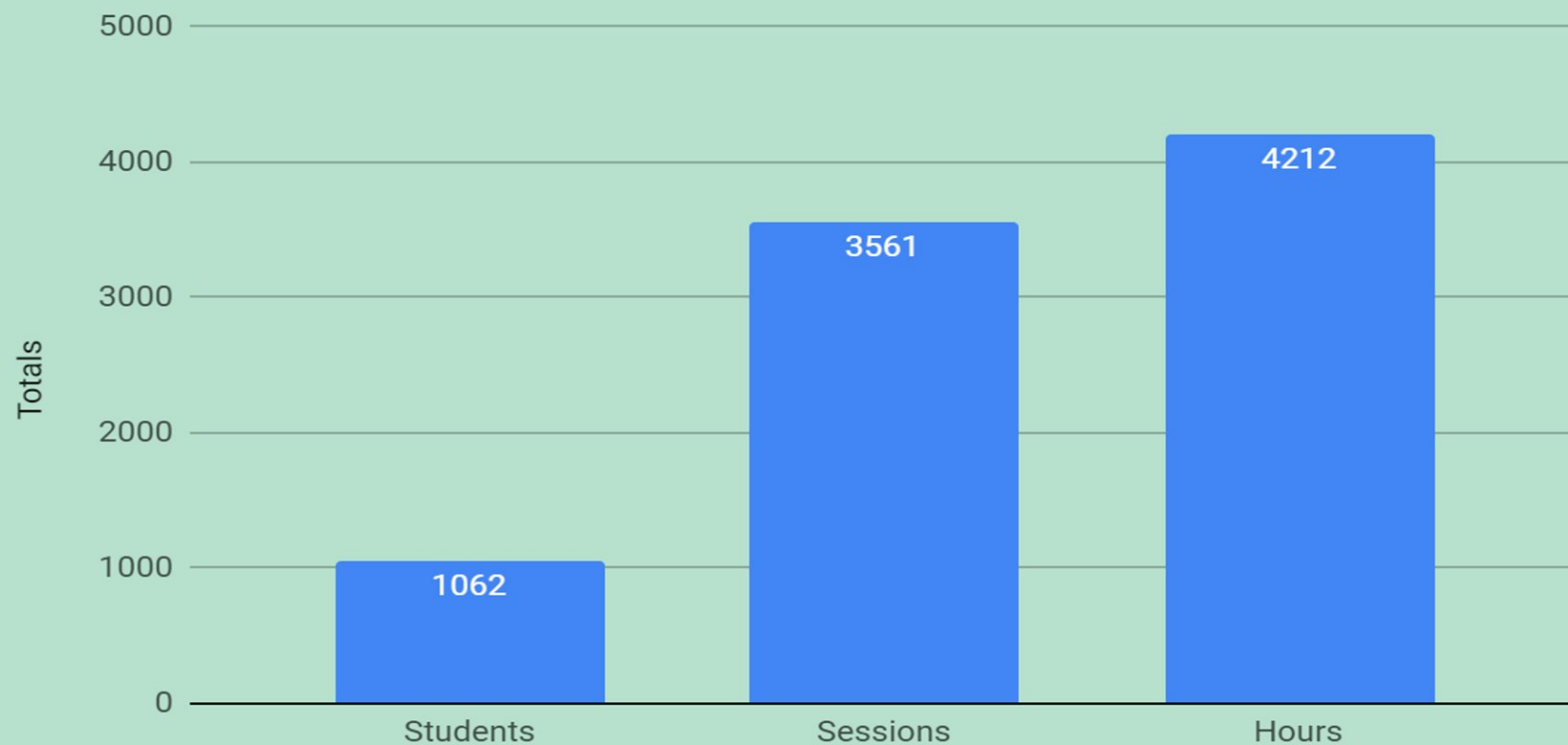
SEA Update November 2019

Jen Thompson
SEA Consultant

Over the Years!



Training PARTNERSHIP: Total #s



Teacher Training

Structured Teaching, Community Living and Life Skills Teachers

- In year 2 of teacher training support model
- Includes choice based on teacher need

Essential Skills Teachers

- NEW to teacher training this year – shift focused from student training to teacher/student training

GLE Class Training

- NEW – whole class Gr. 9 GLE training with teacher participation (4 or 8 sessions)

Lego Robotics



Gifted Classrooms

Coding/Robotics is being introduced into these classrooms to meet teachers/students where they are at

Teachers – will receive introduction training in January

Students/teachers – will welcome LEARNStyle into their classrooms in January to facilitate robotics training

Blind/Low Vision

Itinerant BLV training

NEW – teacher and teacher/student training on technology for students with BLV needs (ie. Braille etc.)

Goal – to support our Itinerant BLV teachers to better support or BLV students with new technology and transition training



eLite and SEAIT integration

May 2019 – rolled out a new IEP Writer (updated version to our current IEP Engine)

October 2019 – rolled out Meeting Management Module (IPRC)

November 2019 – integrated new IEP Writer with SEAIT

WHY?

System Update

Trillium integration – accurate reporting



Mobility Storage Rooms

Summer Move!

Over the summer our SEA Mobility equipment was moved into classrooms at St. John Oakville

Inventory is updated and equipment is being cleaned regularly for re-use

OT/PT's now have a live link to our SEA Storage inventory so our own equipment can be trialled and prescribed to our students



HCDSB Guidelines

With the release of new Ministry Guidelines late in the 2018-19 school year, and with many new updates to our own board policies and procedures – new HCDSB Guidelines were released in October 2019

Ministry Guidelines

Ministry of Education updated their funding and guidelines for SEA on an annual basis

NEW

removal of requirement for professional recommendation for SEA AT claims

Technology still needs to be considered essential to meet ministry requirements

Boards are required to have their own policy to determine eligibility

Track B

HCDSB Response to new Ministry Guidelines

1. Honour current professional recommendations for AT equipment
2. Implement a Track B to determine eligibility
 - After Tier 1 strategies have been implemented, and with consultant approval, a SERT may conduct a K-TEA (with parental permission)
 - Results of the KTEA (Reading and Writing) may be submitted through a secure portal for review
 - SEA Consultant and/or Itinerant (in consultation with Chief of Psychology) can approve/deny request for SEA based upon the results
 - Letter of recommendations is provided to the SERT through the secure portal

HCDSB in the Community

Have become leaders in SEA in Ontario

SEA Consultant attends/facilitates SEA network meetings 2x annually to collaborate with other boards in the GTA and London boards

Jen and Anita – are on the ASET Board of Directors – organize an annual ASET Conference held in Niagara Falls

Regularly meet with neighbouring boards to share best practices (HDSB, Peel, Toronto, Niagara)

Good New Stories

A New Approach

Grade 8 student who loves his tech. He carries his laptop with him at all times. As much as he loves tech, he dislikes history.

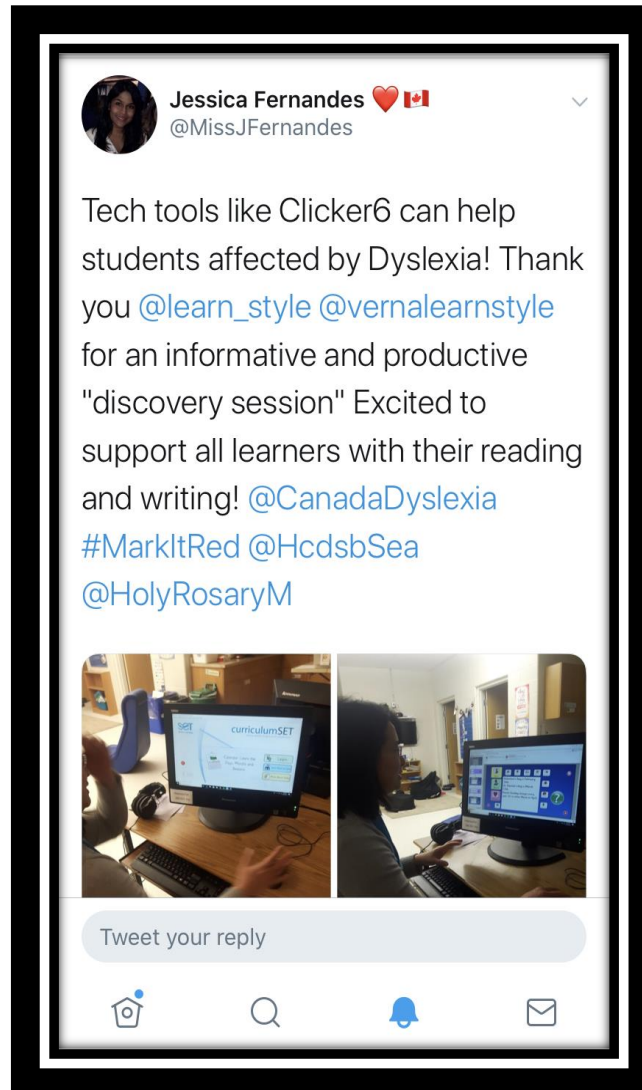
He had an assignment that involved reading a news release on Confederation.

The language was challenging, the questions took some thought. The student's knee-jerk reaction was to balk and call himself dumb as well as, "I don't need history to be an engineer!" By talking it through and breaking it down - and using text to speech and speech to text - he was able to complete the assignment and go from an unmarkable result to something that was much closer to the 3+ he was looking for.



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