MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION

HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

PRESENT:

External Members:  Ashleigh Molloy, Chair
                    Sandra Mastronardi, Vice-Chair
                    Melanie Battaglia
                    Tyler Munro
                    Glenn Webster
                    George Wedge

Trustees:  N. Crawford
          D. Di Giorgio
          A. Kennedy – via Teleconference

Staff:  D. Koenig
        L. Maselli-Jackman
        V. Cocco
        R. Macchia
        J. Mirabella
        D. Reid

S. Harris, Recording Secretary
S. Tomaz, Assistant Recording Secretary

External Guest:  A. Robertson, Parliamentarian
The meeting commenced with Sandra Mastronardi as Chair.

1. **Roll Call & Apologies**
   
   Apologies were extended on behalf of Lori Mastrogiuseppe, Gizelle Paine and Mary Pugh.

   Sandra Mastronardi relinquished the Chair to Trustee Crawford.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**
   
   MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by George Wedge, that the Agenda, as amended to reorder Item 9j) Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Freedom of Information Request (FOIR) Exclusions prior to Item 9a) SEAC Monthly Calendar Review; include Items 13c) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Budget; 13d) Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding the March 18, 2019 Special Board Meeting; and 13e) Inquiry from George Wedge regarding Physically Disabled Students Identified in the Accountability Framework, be approved.

   On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

   CARRIED

   Sandra Mastronardi reassumed the Chair.

3. **Declarations of Interest**
   
   There were none.

4. **Approval & Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting**
   
   MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 23, 2019 for PUBLIC Session be approved.
On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

6. Presentations

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 6a) be adopted as follows:

6a) Presentation from Alasdair Robertson, Parliamentarian, regarding January 23, 2019 Post-Meeting Review received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 6b) be adopted as follows:

6b) Presentation from George Wedge regarding Recognition of March as Easter Seals Month received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

(NB: Items 6a) and 6b) were verbally added to the Agenda during the meeting)
7. **Unfinished Business**

From the SEAC Meeting Held on January 23, 2019

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Melanie Battaglia, that Item 7a) be adopted as follows:

7a) **A Policy Primer – Ontario Human Rights Commission – Guide to Developing Human Rights Policies and Procedures** that this Item be deferred to the March 27, 2019 SEAC Meeting.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 7b) be adopted as follows:

7b) **Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Change of Placement Decisions:**

How long does the Board expect a Principal and Teaching Staff to make efforts to accommodate a child in a regular class before starting the Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) to move the Student to the appropriate program? received.

On the vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi relinquished the Chair to Ashleigh Molloy.
MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 7c) be adopted as follows:

7c) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Equity Plan received.

On the vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi requested that Item 7d) be withdrawn.

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 7d) be adopted as follows:

7d) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Annual Accessibility Report 2018 that this Item be withdrawn.

On the vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 7e) be adopted as follows:

7e) Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Professional Development Focus on Behavior Programs received.

On the vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED
MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 7f) be adopted as follows:

7f) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes and Agendas to Trustees** received.

On the vote taken, the Motion was declared **CARRIED**.

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 7g) be adopted as follows:

7g) **Catholic Teachers Association – Pilot Project: Faith & Wellness** received.

On the vote taken, the Motion was declared **CARRIED**.

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 7h) be adopted as follows:

7h) **Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee** received.

On the vote taken, the Motion was declared **CARRIED**.
MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 7i) be adopted as follows:


On the vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 7j) be adopted as follows:

7j) Autism Ontario 2019 Pre-Budget Consultation Submission received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by George Wedge, seconded by Glenn Webster, that the materials be added to the Minutes to the Board.

On the vote taken, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

On the vote taken, the Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED
9. Communications

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 9j) be adopted as follows:

9j) Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Freedom of Information (FOIR) Exclusions received.

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that the Item be deferred to the March 27, 2019 SEAC meeting at which time the proposed attached motions should be discussed.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 9a) be adopted as follows:

9a) SEAC Monthly Calendar Review received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 9b) be adopted as follows:

9b) Special Services Superintendent Update received.
On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 9c) be adopted as follows:

9c) **Verbal Update regarding Special Equipment Amount (SEA) Claims** received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 9d) be adopted as follows:

9d) **Verbal Update regarding Feedback on the Special Education Fair held February 2, 2019** that SEAC recommend to Board that the Special Services Resource Fair be held in November 2019 and that SEAC members be available to assist.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 9e) be adopted as follows:
9e) Post-21 Transition Fair at Bishop Marrocco / Thomas Merton Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 9f) be adopted as follows:

9f) Service Animal Protocol – Consultation Draft received

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 9g) be adopted as follows:

9g) Verbal Update regarding Cancellation of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Presentation at the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) on March 1, 2019 received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED
MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 9h) be adopted as follows:

9h) Verbal update regarding Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Reporting Denominator Teleconference received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Glenn Webster, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 9i) be adopted as follows:

9i) Provincial Parent Associations Advisory Committee (PAAC) Handbook on Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

10. Matters Referred/Deferred to the Committee by the Board and Other Committees

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 10a) be adopted as follows:

10a) SEAC Motions Received by Board and referred to Staff for a Report received.
On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 10b) be adopted as follows:

10b) **Annual Report on the Accessibility Standards Policy (A.35)** that this Item be deferred to the March 27, 2019 SEAC meeting.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

13. **Inquiries and Miscellaneous**

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

13a) **Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding SEAC Motions:**

The process where SEAC motions and requests are captured, listed and monitored on the SEAC agenda until their disposition; The process used to list SEAC motions and recommendations on the Board meeting **Public Agenda** received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED
13b) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding the new TCDSB Equity Plan being posted on the Board website noted.

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 13c) be adopted as follows:

13c) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Budget that SEAC recommend to Board that staff provide SEAC with a detailed and comprehensive special education “booklet” which includes and provides an overview with details of TCDSB operational revenues, instructional and non-instructional operation expenditures in relation to special education.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED

13d) Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding the March 18, 2019 Special Board Meeting noted.

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 13e) be adopted as follows:

13e) Inquiry from George Wedge regarding Physically Disabled Students Identified in the Accountability Framework that SEAC recommend to Board that the number of students with physical disability either as their primary or secondary exceptionality be identified.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared CARRIED
14. **Association Reports**

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 14a) be adopted as follows:

14a) **Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) SEAC February Circular** received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 14b) be adopted as follows:

14b) **Path 2 Work from JVS Toronto – Employment Program for Adults Eighteen (18) Years of Age or Older with Developmental Disabilities** received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Melanie Battaglia, that Item 14c) be adopted as follows:

14c) **Autism Ontario – News Release February 9, 2019 and February 12, 2019:**

1. **The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services announces plan to clear Ontario Autism Program wait-lists;** and

2. **Statement from Autism Ontario** received.
MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that SEAC recommend to Board that a letter be written to the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services relating to this particular concern, and that the draft letter be reviewed by SEAC prior to submission.

On the Vote taken, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

On the Vote taken, the Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

17. **Adjournment**

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Tyler Munro, that the meeting be adjourned.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED