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*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION

HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

PRESENT:

Trustees: A. Kennedy, Chair
N. Crawford
D. Di Giorgio

External

Members: Sandra Mastronardi, Vice-Chair
Melanie Battaglia
Lori Ciccolini
Lori Mastrogiuseppe
Tyler Munro
Glenn Webster
George Wedge – via Teleconference

Staff:

D. Koenig
L. Maselli-Jackman
A. Coke
M. J. Gendron
R. Macchia
J. Mirabella
D. Reid
P. Stachiw

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

External A. Robertson, Parliamentarian

The meeting commenced with Sandra Mastronardi in the Chair.

1. Roll Call & Apologies

Apologies were extended on behalf of Gizelle Paine and Mary Pugh.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum, to reorder Item 8b) My Blueprint prior to Item 8a) 2019-20 Budget Impacts and Grants for Student Needs Announcement – Overall and Instructional Related, Items 12n) Suspension and Expulsion Policy S.S.01 and 14a) Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Projections for the 2019-20 School Year after Item 10) Notices of Matters and Trustee Matters and to add Items 15b), 15c) and 15c) Inquiries from Sandra Mastronardi, be approved.

3. Election of Chair

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Trustee Kennedy be nominated as Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

Trustee Kennedy accepted.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Tyler Munro that nominations be closed.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy was declared the Chair of SEAC.

Sandra Mastronardi relinquished the Chair to Trustee Kennedy.

5. Declarations of Interest

Trustee Kennedy declared an interest in Items 8a) 2019-20 Budget Impacts and Grants for Student Needs Announcement – Overall and Instructional Related; 12c) Ministry of Education (MOE) 2019: SB01 Update: Special Education Funding in 2018-19; and 14a) Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Projections for the 2019-20 School Year as she have family members who are employees of the Board. Trustee Kennedy declared that she would neither participate in the discussions nor vote on the Items.

6. Approval & Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 23, 2019 be approved.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

8. Presentations

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 8b) be adopted as follows:

8b) My Blueprint received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy relinquished the Chair to Sandra Mastronardi and left the table due to a Declaration of Interest in Item 8a) 2019-20 Budget Impacts and Grants for Student Needs Announcement – Overall and Instructional Related, as earlier indicated.

Sandra Mastronardi relinquished the Chair to Trustee Crawford.

George Wedge joined the meeting via Teleconference.

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Melanie Battaglia, that Item 8a) be adopted as follows:

8a) 2019-20 Budget Impacts and Grants for Student Needs Announcement – Overall and Instructional Related received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi wished to be recorded as voted against the Motion.

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 14a) be adopted as follows:

- 14a) Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Projections for the 2019-20 School Year** that SEAC recommend to Board that the shortlist of other potential ideas that are flexible type funding be employed in an effort to save programs, services and staffing for special education during the budget process.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that school block budget be excluded from the shortlist.

On the Vote taken, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi reassumed the Chair.

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that a member of SEAC delegate at either the May 16, 2019 Board meeting or the May 28, 2019 Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources and Committee meeting regarding Item 14a) above.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy returned to the table.

Sandra Mastronardi relinquished the Chair to Trustee Kennedy.

Consent and Review

The Chair reviewed the Order Paper and the following Items were held:

11b) Sandra Mastronardi;

11c) Sandra Mastronardi;

12a) George Wedge;

12b) Sandra Mastronardi;

12c) Tyler Munro;

12d) Sandra Mastronardi;

12e) George Wedge;

12f) Tyler Munro;

12g) Tyler Munro;

12h) Tyler Munro;

12i) Melanie Battaglia;

12j) Lori Mastrogiuseppe;

12k) Tyler Munro;

12l) Tyler Munro;

12n) Tyler Munro;

- 12o) Tyler Munro;
- 12p) Melanie Battaglia;
- 15a) Lori Mastrogiuseppe;
- 15b) Sandra Mastronardi;
- 15c) Sandra Maastronardi; and
- 15d) Sandra Mastronardi

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Lori Ciccolini, that the Items not held be received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

ITEMS AS CAPTURED IN THE ABOVE MOTION

- 11a) SEAC Monthly Calendar Review;
- 11d) Gym Skills Flyer;
- 11e) Summer Skills Flyer and Application Form;
- 11f) Xceptional Biking Flyer and Application Form; and
- 12m) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Student Transportation and Budget

12. Matters Referred/Deferred

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 12n) be adopted as follows:

- 12n) Suspension and Expulsion Policy S.S.01** received and referred back to the Governance and Policy Committee.

George Wedge disconnected via Teleconference.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi and Tyler Munro wished to be recorded as voted against the Motion.

George Wedge reconnected via Teleconference.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that the Agenda be reopened to reorder Item 12b) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Accessibility at a Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) School, as the next Item of business.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

12. Matters Referred/Deferred

- 12a) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Accessibility at a Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) School**

The Chair ruled the Inquiry out of order.

11. Communications

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 11b) be adopted as follows:

11b) Special Education Superintendent Update received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 11c) be adopted as follows:

11c) Draft SEAC A.23 Policy Update for Review received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Glenn Webster, that SEAC recommend to Board that the SEAC Policy A.23 be referred by Board to staff for a report to come back recommending changes and updates to SEAC.

With the consent of the Committee, Trustee Crawford withdrew her Amendment.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Glenn Webster, that SEAC recommend to Board that it is too early in the process for SEAC to offer a helpful opinion regarding the update of the SEAC A.23 Policy, and therefore recommend that the policy be referred back to Staff and/or the Governance and Policy Committee for further consideration.

On the Vote taken, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

12. Matters Referred/Deferred

MOVED by Lori Ciccolini, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

- 12a) Inquiry from George Wedge regarding Educational Assistants (EAs) and Child and Youth Workers (CYWs): *How does Human Resources (HR) determine which temporary EAs or CYWs are submitted to a Principal for interview on a permanent posting in the absence of any Permanent EA or CYW having applied?*** received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy relinquished the Chair to Sandra Mastronardi and left the table due to a Declaration of Interest in Item 12c), as earlier indicated.

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Lori Ciccolini, that Item 12c) be adopted as follows:

- 12c) Ministry of Education (MOE) 2019: SB01 Update: Special Education Funding in 2018-19** received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy returned to the table.

Sandra Mastronardi relinquished the Chair to Trustee Kennedy.

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Lori Ciccolini, that Item 12d) be adopted as follows:

- 12d) MOE 2019: B07 Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder** received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Lori Ciccolini, that Item 12e) be adopted as follows:

- 12e) MOE 2019: B08 New Vision for Education** received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by George Wedge, seconded by Glenn Webster, that SEAC recommend to Board that they reach out to the Unifor Skilled Trades Council to help plan a path forward for skilled trade educational primers.

On the Vote taken, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Melanie Battaglia, that the following Items be deferred to the June 12, 2019 SEAC meeting.

- 12f) Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Special Equipment Amount (SEA) Claims;**
- 12h) Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Classroom Windows;**
- 12k) Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Special Needs Advanced Program;**
- 12l) Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding the Gap in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) Process; and**
- 12o) Responses to Concerns Raised by Delegations to the March 18, 2019 Special Board Meeting on Special Education**

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 12g) be adopted as follows:

- 12g) Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Expulsion Rates** received and that the comparative report regarding students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and without IEP be included in the Minutes to Board.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 12i) be adopted as follows:

- 12i) Inquiry from Melanie Battaglia regarding Ministry Enrollment Register on Exclusion 2018-2019** that the Item be deferred to the June 12, 2019 SEAC meeting.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Lori Ciccolini, that Item 12j) be adopted as follows:

- 12j) Inquiry from Lori Mastrogiuseppe regarding Bill 44** that SEAC recommend to Board that the Board support Bill 44 and that the letter (refer to draft attachment) be sent to the Ministry of Education.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 12p) be adopted as follows:

- 12p) Parent Voice Survey regarding Students receiving Special Education Programs and Services** that the Item be deferred to the June 12, 2019 SEAC meeting.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

15. Inquiries and Miscellaneous

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Lori Ciccolini, that Item 15a) be adopted as follows:

- 15a) TCDSB to Recognize Annually September 9 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day – Verbal Report from Lori Mastrogiuseppe** that SEAC recommend to Board that the TCDSB annually recognize September 9 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 15b) be adopted as follows:

- 15b) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Transition Programs for Students Transitioning out of K-21** received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 15c) be adopted as follows:

- 15c) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Recognition of Marilyn Taylor, former Chair of SEAC received.**

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

19. Adjournment

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Tyler Munro, that the meeting be adjourned.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR