

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA
May 4, 2020

**Nancy Crawford, Chair and
Trustee Member**

**George Wedge, Vice Chair
Easter Seals**

**Melanie Battaglia
Community Representative**

**Lori Ciccolini
Community Representative**

**Lori Mastrogiuseppe
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)**

**Tyler Munro
Integration Action for Inclusion
Representative**

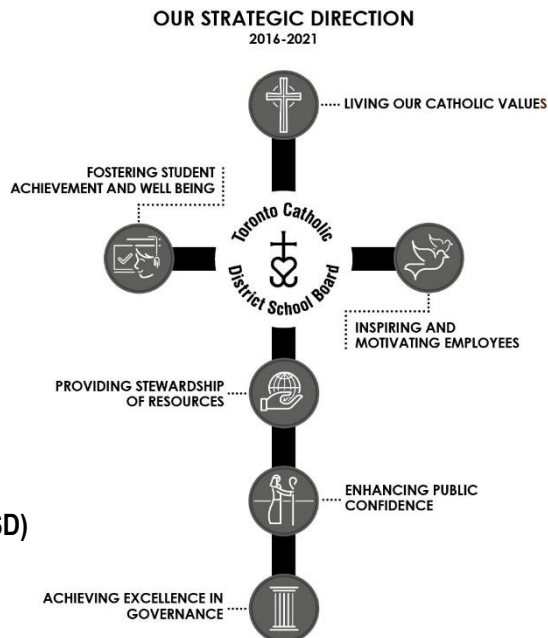
**Deborah Nightingale
Association for Bright Children**

**Mary Pugh
VOICE for Hearing Impaired**

**Glenn Webster
Ontario Assoc. of
Families of Children
with Communication
Disorders**

**Sandra Mastronardi
Autism Ontario**

**Trustee Members
Angela Kennedy
Daniel Di Giorgio**



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**Rory McGuckin
Director of Education**

**Joseph Martino
Chair of the Board**

Terms of Reference for the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) shall have responsibility for advising on matters pertaining to the following:

- (a) Annual SEAC planning calendar;**
- (b) Annual SEAC goals and committee evaluation;**
- (c) Development and delivery of TCDSB Special Education programs and services;**
- (d) TCDSB Special Education Plan;**
- (e) Board Learning and Improvement Plan (BLIP) as it relates to Special Education programs, Services, and student achievement;**
- (f) TCDSB budget process as it relates to Special Education; and**
- (g) Public access and consultation regarding matters related to Special Education programs and services.**

SEAC shall also make recommendations to Board pertaining to these matters, in order to improve the lives of students with Special Education Needs and their families.

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AGENDA THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SESSION

Monday, May 4, 2020

7:00 P.M.

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1. Opening Prayer	
2. Roll Call & Apologies	
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10. Consideration of Motions for which previous notice has been given	
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13. **Matters Referred/Deferred to the Committee by the Board and Other Committees**
14. **List of Communications**
15. **Association Reports**
16. **Inquiries and Miscellaneous**
17. **Annual Calendar/Pending List**
18. **Adjournment**

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

HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

PRESENT:

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

**Non-Voting
Trustees:** N. Di Pasquale
I. Li Preti

**External
Members:** George Wedge, Vice Chair
Lori Mastrogiuseppe
Sandra Mastronardi
Tyler Munro
Deborah Nightingale
Mary Pugh

Staff: D. Koenig
L. Maselli-Jackman
V. Cocco
P. De Cock
M. Gendron
R. Macchia
J. Mirabella
D. Reid
P. Stachiw

S. Pellegrini, Acting Recording Secretary
S. Hinds-Barnett, Assistant Recording Secretary

2. Roll Call & Apologies

Apologies were extended on behalf of Lori Ciccolini.

Melanie Battaglia and Glenn Webster were absent.

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum and to reorder Association Reports from: Items 15a) Easter Seals regarding Key Issues for Students with Physical Disabilities and Learning at Home; 15b) George Wedge (Verbal); 15c) ABC Ontario Association; and 15d) Autism Ontario regarding Learning@Home The Impact on Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder to Items 9d), 9e), 9f) and 9g) respectively, be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Interest

Trustee Kennedy declared an interest in Item 9a) **2020-2021 Budget: Financial Planning & Consultation Review** as she has family members who are employees of this Board.

Trustee Kennedy indicated that she would neither participate in discussion regarding that Item nor vote.

6. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting

MOVED by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 19, 2020 be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy declared an Interest in Item 9a) **2020-2021 Budget: Financial Planning & Consultation Review** Trustee Kennedy indicated that she would neither vote nor participate in discussions regarding that Item.

Trustee Kennedy left the virtual meeting room at 7:21 p.m.

9. Reports of Officials for Information

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

- 9a) 2020-2021 Budget: Financial Planning & Consultation Review** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy returned to the virtual meeting room at 7:42 pm.

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 9b) and 9l) (previously Item 9h) be adopted as follows:

- 9b) Special Education Superintendent Update (March/April); and**
9l) Superintendent Update – April 2020 Addendum received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

- 9c) Verbal Update – A Faith Community of Believers: Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Distance Learning Implementation Plan and TCDSB Learning Resources – Linda Maselli-Jackman, Superintendent of Special Services received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that Item 9d) (previously Item 15a) be adopted as follows:

- 9d) Association Report from Easter Seals regarding Key Issues for Students with Physical Disabilities and Learning at Home received and referred to staff and that the report be included in the Minutes to Board.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 9f) (previously Item 15c) be adopted as follows:

- 9f) Association Report from ABC Ontario Association Report** received and referred to staff and that the report be included in the Minutes to Board.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 9g) (previously Item 15d) be adopted as follows:

- 9g) Association Report from Autism Ontario regarding Learning@Home The Impact on Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder** received and referred to staff and that the report be included in the Minutes to Board.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that SEAC recommend to Board that the Association Reports in respect to learning at home during the COVID-19 crisis, Items 9d (previously Item 15a), 9f (previously Item 15c), and 9g (previously Item 15d) be forwarded to the Ministry of Education on behalf of SEAC.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 9e) (previously Item 15b) be adopted as follows:

- 9e) Association Reports – George Wedge (Verbal) received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that SEAC recommend to Board that the Association Reports in respect to learning at home during the COVID-19 crisis, Items 9d (previously Item 15a), 9f (previously Item 15c), and 9g (previously Item 15d) be forwarded to the Ministry of Education on behalf of SEAC.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 9h) (previously Item 9d) be adopted as follows:

- 9h) Verbal Update – Special Education Programs 2020 – 2021 – Linda Maselli-Jackman, Superintendent of Special Services received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Mary Pugh, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that Item 9i) (previously Item 9e) be adopted as follows:

- 9i) Creating Awareness About Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Supports** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that Item 9j) (previously Item 9f) be adopted as follows:

- 9j) Graduation Statistics for Students with Special Education Needs** deferred to the first available opportunity to be placed back on to the SEAC agenda.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

The Chair declared a five-minute recess.

The meeting resumed with Trustee Crawford in the Chair.

Trustees: N. Crawford, Chair – In Person
A. Kennedy

Non-Voting Trustees: N. Di Pasquale
I. Li Preti

External Members: George Wedge, Vice Chair
Lori Mastrogiuseppe
Sandra Mastronardi
Tyler Munro
Deborah Nightingale
Mary Pugh

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 9k) (previously Item 9g) be adopted as follows:

- 9k) Verbal Update – Creation of Google Form/Document for Input for Special Education Plan Review** that all SEAC members be invited to provide their input on the Special Education Plan using the form and process described, and that an informal working group of three or four members be struck to collate, and group the responses and present their findings to the full committee at the May 20, 2020 SEAC meeting.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi, Deborah Nightingale and Tyler Munro volunteered to be members with Trustee Crawford.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that Trustee Crawford, Sandra Mastronardi, Deborah Nightingale and Tyler Munro will form the working group.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi voted in opposition of the Motion.

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

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

13a) New Policy on Age-Appropriate Placement – Curriculum and Program Supports deferred to the Post Pandemic List.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

14. List of Communications

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 14a) be adopted as follows:

14a) Letter from the Hastings & Prince Edward District School Board copied to the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) regarding letters addressed to The Honourable Stephen Lecce in support of letters written by the Durham District School Board, the Greater Essex County District School Board and Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board in regards to concerns about class sizes and mandatory online courses received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

17. Annual Calendar/Pending List

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Mary Pugh, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

- 17a) SEAC Monthly Calendar Review** received and that the EQAO Grades 3 and 6 Testing will not be administered in June.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Mary Pugh, that Item 17b) be adopted as follows:

- 17b) Pending List as at April 22, 2020** received and that the Pending List be updated to remove Item #3 regarding additional financial request.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

18. Adjournment

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that the meeting be adjourned.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR