

# TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC AGENDA

## REGULAR MEETING SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

**Marilyn Taylor, Chair**  
Community Representative

**Rosanna Del Grosso**  
Association for Bright Children

**Dario Imbrogno**  
Community Representative

**John MacKenzie**  
FASWorld

**Sandra Mastronardi**  
Autism Ontario

**Ashleigh Molloy, Vice-Chair**  
AAIDD

**Gizelle Paine**  
LD Toronto Chapter Representative

**Mary Pugh**  
VOICE for Hearing Impaired

**Giselle Romanino**  
Community Representative

**Raul Vomisescu**  
Community Living Toronto

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

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In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions,  
our Mission is to educate students to their full potential.

**Angela Gauthier**  
Director of Education

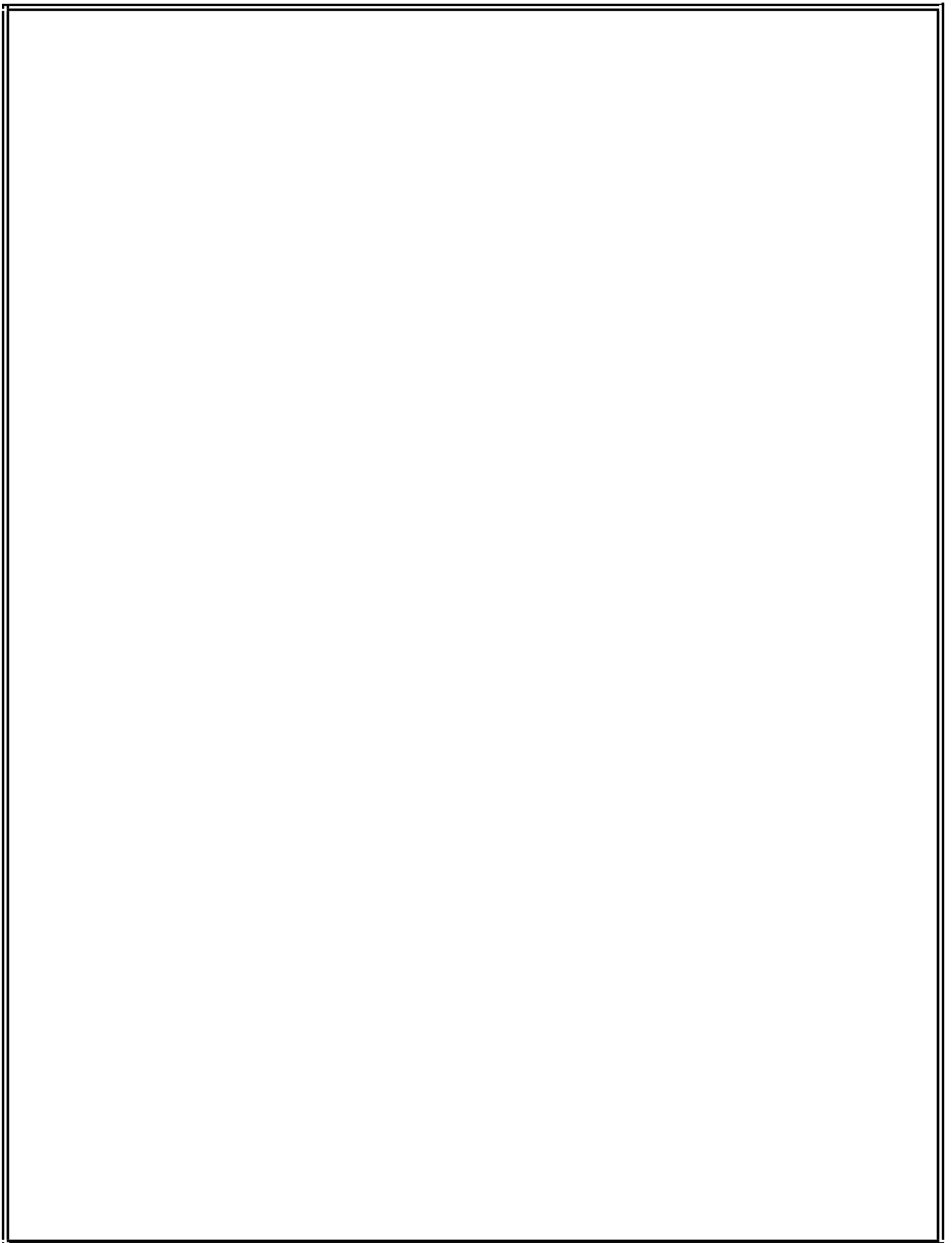
### Trustee Members

**Ann Andrachuk**

**Angela Kennedy**

**Garry Tanuan**





**OUR MISSION**

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ..  
We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity*

**OUR VISION**

*At Toronto Catholic, we transform the world  
through witness, faith, innovation and action.*



**AGENDA  
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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	Pages
1. Celebration of the Eucharist by Fr. Mike Lehman	
2. Secretary calls the Meeting to Order	
3. Roll Call & Apologies	
4. Approval of the Agenda	
5. Election of Chair	
6. Election of Vice-Chair	
7. Declarations of Interest	
8. Approval & Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting held November 16, 2016 for Public Session	1 - 9
9. Delegations	
10. Presentations	
11. Unfinished Business	
12. Notices of Matters and Trustee Matters: (for which seventy-two hours' notice has been given)	
13. Communications	

- 13.a Special Education Superintendent Update December 2016 10
- 13.b Verbal Update regarding the Parents Fair, April 2017
- 14. **Matters Referred/Deferred to the Committee by the Board and Other Committees**
- 15. **Reports of Officials, and Special and Permanent Committees Requiring Action**
- 16. **Reports of Officials for Information**
- 17. **Inquiries and Miscellaneous**
- 18. **Association Reports**
- 19. **Update from Trustees on resolutions recommended to the Board by the Committee**
- 20. **Pending List** 11
- 21. **Adjournment for Christmas Celebration**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

PRESENT:

Marilyn Taylor, Chair  
Ashleigh Molloy – by teleconference  
Rosanna Del Grosso  
Sandra Mastronardi  
Glenn Webster  
John MacKenzie  
Mary Pugh  
Gizelle Paine  
Giselle Romanino

Trustees A. Kennedy  
G. Tanuan  
A. Andrachuk – by teleconference

R. McGuckin  
C. Fernandes  
A. Coke  
J. Wilhelm  
P. Stachiw  
E. Szekeres Milne

S. Harris, Assistant Recording Secretary

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Dario Imbrogno and Raul Vomisescu who were unable to attend the meeting.

Prayers were offered for Ashleigh Molloy's son who had recent surgery.

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that the Agenda, as amended, be approved.

On the vote being taken, the Agenda, as Amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Mary Pugh, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the Minutes, as amended, of the Regular Meeting held October 19, 2016 be approved.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Mary Pugh, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 6a) be adopted as follow:

6a) **Duty to Report Video Presentation** – received

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 9a) be adopted as follow:

9a) **SEAC Monthly Calendar Review** – received.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Giselle Romanino, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 9b) be adopted as follow:

9b) **Special Education Superintendent Update, November 2016** – received.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 9c) be adopted as follow:

9c) **Parent Guide for Special Education 2016** – received.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that Item 9d) be adopted as follow:

9d) **Policy Program Memorandum 140, November 2016** – received.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Giselle Romanino, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 9e) be adopted as follow:

9e) **Professional Learning Plan 2016-17** – received.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED



MOVED by Gizelle Paine, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 9f) be adopted as follow:

- 9f) **Draft Letter to the Minister of Education regarding Special Education Funding** – received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that the words “these cuts” be replaced with “this underfunding” in the first sentence of the last paragraph on page 1.

On the vote being taken the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that

1. A response letter to the Ministry of Education be prepared for the approval of the Board without paragraphs two and three on page two.
2. A response letter be prepared that could potentially be shared with Associations with paragraphs two and three on page two, so that the Associations may use it as a template to send a letter if they wish, and that the package include copies of the Toronto Catholic District School Board’s (TCDSB) letter to the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Education’s response of August 24, and the TCDSB’s reply.

On the vote being taken the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that Item 9g) be adopted as follow:

- 9g) **SEAC New Members Process** received and that SEAC recommends to the Board the appointment of Tyler Munro, representative of Integration Action for Inclusion, to SEAC.

On the vote being taken the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that SEAC recommend that the Board seek a representation of indigenous persons from various organizations at SEAC.

On the vote being taken the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

- 13a) **Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding the Anaphylaxis and Asthma Policies** that SEAC be provided with a presentation and any related documentation on the Anaphylaxis and Asthma policies at the January 2017 SEAC meeting.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that the presentation include how the policies are applied between the elementary and secondary panels.

On the vote being taken the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

- 13b) **Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi** that TCDSB's Literacy Resource teacher Bruno Pileggi be invited to provide SEAC with his presentation from the OAPCE Provincial Conference in May 2016.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by John MacKenzie, that item 14a) be adopted as follows:

**14a) Association Report regarding S.T.Y.L.E (Skills Training for Youth Learning and Education) – received.**

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that opportunities be explored to offer the S.T.Y.L.E program to secondary schools.

On the vote being taken the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Giselle Romanino, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that Item 16) be adopted as follows:

**16) Pending List** – received.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR

# Special Education Superintendent Update

## December 2016



SPECIAL SERVICES

### Speech and Language

The SLP department hosted a 1/2 day, interactive workshop for EAs and CYWs on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and at Don Bosco High School. Fifty support staff participated in round-table discussions and case studies to identify effective strategies to support students' oral communication skills.

### Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The D/HH department offered a parent workshop on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Phonak Warehouse in Mississauga for families to learn more about hearing aids and FM systems. Staff and parents got a tour of the warehouse, saw how hearing aids are made and listened to a presentation on hearing related topics.

Staff from both the SLP and D/HH departments participated in a Toronto Child and Family Network launch of 'Raising the Village: Improving Outcomes for Toronto's Children and Families' on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the City of Toronto Archives. Participants explored new data about the well-being of Toronto's children and took part in a conversation with senior leaders about what it means to build a child-friendly City.

### Autism

The Autism Department is running a 3 day course for Elementary Special Education Teachers in December.

### Psychology

The TCDSB Gifted Programs Team held an information night for parents and students about the congregated Gifted programs. Teachers of the congregated Gifted programs from the four centres were there to share information about their respective programs.



SPECIAL SERVICES

## **SEAC PENDING LIST AS AT DECEMBER 7, 2016**

1. Update to Parent Guide (October 2016)
2. Staff be requested to prepare a letter for the SEAC Chapter Associations in response to the Minister's letter, and to prepare information with the following details:
  - Placement of students in exceptionalities and IEPs
  - Number of students captured in the placements
  - Levels of service for the October 31st count dates
  - Changes in the Special Education grants year over year  
(Requested September 2016)
3. A letter of response be sent from the Chair of the Board to the Minister using the same information provided to the SEAC Chapters Association and that the letter be copied to all the MPPs and the Ombudsman  
(Requested September 2016)
4. Letter from SEAC to coterminous boards inviting them to advocate for additional Special Education funding
5. Staff to consider increasing Empower in high schools when the budget is balanced and the accumulated deficit is eliminated and bring it back to SEAC  
(Pending balanced budget –Date Unknown)
6. Staff update the Special Education Plan and resource documentation accessible to students and parents online to reflect current and accurate information.  
(requested September 2016)
7. Changes to the Accessibility policy be brought back to SEAC for review.  
(requested September 2016)
8. Presentation and any related documentation on the Anaphylaxis and Asthma policies at the January 2017 meeting (November 2016)
9. Presentation from Bruno Pileggi regarding OAPCE Provincial Conference in May 2016 (November 2016)