

## OUR MISSION

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

## OUR VISION

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



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

**HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018**

## **PRESENT:**

### **External**

**Members:** Ashleigh Molloy, Chair  
S. Mastronardi, Vice-Chair – via Teleconference  
Melanie Battaglia  
Lori Mastrogiuseppe  
Tyler Munro  
Gizelle Paine  
Glenn Webster  
George Wedge

**Trustees:** N. Crawford  
D. Di Giorgio  
A. Kennedy  
M. Rizzo

**Staff:** D. Koenig  
L. Maselli-Jackman  
V. Cocco  
A. Coke  
R. Macchia  
J. Mirabella  
D. Reid  
P. Stachiw  
J. Wilhelm

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

**2. Secretary Calls the Meeting to Order**

The Secretary, Superintendent Linda Maselli-Jackman, called the meeting to order.

**3. Roll Call & Apologies**

An apology was extended on behalf of Mary Pugh.

**Update from December 3, 2018 Inaugural Meeting**

The Secretary advised the meeting that the following nominations for 2018-19 were approved at the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Inaugural meeting on December 3, 2018:

**Agency Nominations for SEAC**

- i) Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders (OAFCCD) – Glenn Webster;
- ii) Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – Lori Mastrogiuseppe;
- iii) Autism Ontario – Sandra Mastronardi;
- iv) Easter Seals Ontario – Brigitte Rose (primary representative) and George Wedge (alternate representative);
- v) The Learning Disabilities Association of Toronto District – Gizelle Paine;
- vi) Integration Action for Inclusion – Tyler Munro; and
- vii) VOICE for Hearing Impaired – Mary Pugh.

**Community Rep/Member-at-Large Nominations**

- viii) Community Representative/Member-at-Large – Melanie Battaglia;
- ix) Community Representative/Member-at-Large – Marilyn Taylor; and
- x) Community Representative/Member-at-Large – Dr. Ashleigh Molloy

and that subsequent resignations, however, were received from Marilyn Taylor and Brigitte Rose, the latter of whom will be replaced by George Wedge, the Alternate Representative.

#### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that the Agenda, as amended to include Greetings to All Committee Members including new Trustees from Trustee Rizzo, Chair of the Board, removal of Item 17e) Legislation Review, add Items 17g), 17h) and 17i) Inquiries and Miscellaneous from Trustee Kennedy regarding Listening and Learning Presentation by Optometrist; Sandra Mastronardi regarding a Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Policy; and Tyler Munro regarding Special Thanks to former Chair, Marilyn Taylor for her 18 years of service to the SEAC and also to former members.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

#### **Greetings from the Chair of the Board, Trustee Rizzo**

Trustee Rizzo, in her capacity as recently-elected Chair of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) delivered greetings to all the Committee members including recently-appointed Trustees Di Giorgio and Crawford.

#### **5. Election of Chair**

The Secretary called for nominations for the position of Chair of the SEAC 2018-19.

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by George Wedge, that the name of Ashleigh Molloy be placed in nomination.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Ashleigh Molloy accepted the nomination.

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that the name of Sandra Mastronardi be placed in nomination.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi accepted the nomination.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that nominations be closed.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

On the Vote being taken for Ashleigh Molloy and Sandra Mastronardi as Chair, Ashleigh Molloy was acclaimed Chair of the SEAC for 2018-2019.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Vote for Ashleigh Molloy as Chair of SEAC be unanimous.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

The meeting continued with Ashleigh Molloy in the Chair.

**6. Election of Vice-Chair**

The Secretary called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of SEAC 2018-19.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Melanie Battaglia, that the name of Gizelle Paine be placed in nomination.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Gizelle Paine accepted the nomination.

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the name of Sandra Mastronardi be placed in nomination.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi accepted the nomination.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by George Wedge, that nominations be closed.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

On the Vote being taken for Gizelle Paine and Sandra Mastronardi as Vice-Chair, Sandra Mastronardi was declared Vice-Chair of the SEAC for 2018-19.

**9. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**8. Approval & Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting**

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Glenn Webster, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 14, 2018 for PUBLIC Session be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**13. Communications**

MOVED by Gizelle Paine, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

**13a) SEAC Monthly Calendar Review** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

**13b) Special Services Superintendent Update - December 2018** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

**13c) Verbal Discussion regarding the Special Services Fair** received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Glenn Webster, seconded by Melanie Battaglia, that SEAC recommend to Board that it provide an accessibility

sheet, including information on wheelchair accessibility, for groups who wish to participate in the Special Services Fair.

On the Vote being taken, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that technology for the vision and hearing impaired be taken into consideration and that a sensory room be provided.

On the Vote being taken, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

The Special Services Fair will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at 9:00 am.



**17. Inquiries and Miscellaneous**

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

Inquiries from Tyler Munro:

**17a) Special Needs Students in Advance Programs:**

**Total enrolment in each type of advanced program and the number of Individualized Education Program (IEP) students enrolled in those programs which include, and are not limited to, Arts programs, Advanced programs, Cardinal Carter, French Immersion, French Extended, International Baccalaureate, International Language, Geography, English, Mathematics and Science (GEMS), School of Merchandising and Hospitality Management (SMHM), St. Michael's Choir and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) received and referred to staff.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that Item 17b) be adopted as follows:

**17b) Parent's IEP Guide** received and referred to staff.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 17c) be adopted as follows:

**17c) Policy and Legislation:**

**Is there a policy or legislation that requires the IEP be created or updated in a specific timeframe for IEPs that are recommended outside the Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) process or IEPs that need to be updated from a school meeting for other reasons? received and referred to staff.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED BY Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Glenn Webster, that all Items not discussed, except for Item 17h) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding SEAC Policy, be deferred to the January 2019 SEAC meeting.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**ITEMS AS CAPTURED IN ABOVE MOTION**

**17d)** Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Legal Fees Report 2018;

**17f)** Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Increasing Number of Principals;

- 17g) Miscellaneous from Trustee Kennedy regarding Listening and Learning Presentation by Optometrist; and
- 17i) Miscellaneous from Tyler Munro regarding Special Thanks to former Chair, Marilyn Taylor for her 18 years of service to SEAC and also to former Committee members.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that Item 17h) be adopted a follows:

- 17h) **Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding SEAC Policy** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**21. Adjournment for Christmas Celebration**

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Tyler Munro, that the meeting be adjourned.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR