

## 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, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

## **PRESENT:**

**Trustees:** N. Crawford  
D. Di Giorgio

## **External**

**Members:** Sandra Mastronardi, Acting Chair  
Melanie Battaglia  
Lori Ciccolini  
Lori Mastrogiuseppe  
Tyler Munro  
Glenn Webster  
George Wedge

**Staff:** D. Koenig  
L. Maselli-Jackman  
V. Cocco  
A. Coke  
M. J. Gendron  
R. Macchia  
E. Milne Szekeres  
J. Mirabella  
D. Reid  
P. Stachiw

S. Harris, Recording Secretary  
K. Paganelli, Acting Assistant Recording Secretary

**2. Roll Call & Apologies**

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

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by George Wedge, that the Agenda, as amended to include Inquiries: Items 15b) From Tyler Munro regarding Qualifications for Principals and Vice Principals; and 15c) From Sandra Mastronardi regarding College Level Courses, be approved.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**4. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

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

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by George Wedge, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 12, 2019 be approved with the following amendment:

Page 4 – Item 6b) – Replace *12.6.9x* with *12.6*.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio joined the table at 7:10 pm.

**8. Unfinished Business**

MOVED by Lori Ciccolini, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that Item 8a) be adopted as follows:

**8a) Parent Voice Survey Working Committee Formation (Verbal Report)** received.

Committee Members: Melanie Battaglia, Sandra Mastronardi, Tyler Munro and George Wedge.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**10. Consent and Review**

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

11a) Tyler Munro;

11d) Sandra Mastronardi;

11e) Sandra Mastronardi;

11f) Tyler Munro;

12a) Melanie Battaglia;

12b) Tyler Munro;

12d) Tyler Munro;

15b) Tyler Munro; and

15c) Sandra Mastronardi

With the consent of the Committee, George Wedge withdrew Item 12c) Inquiry regarding Temporary Accessibility Device and Process to Convert it to a Permanent Fixture.

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

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**ITEMS NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN THE ABOVE MOTION**

11b) Special Education Superintendent Update;

11c) Letters from Greater Essex County District School Board – 11.c.1; 11.c.2; 11.c.3; 11.c.4; and

16a) Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) June Circular

**11. Communications**

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 11a) be adopted as follows:

- 11a) SEAC Monthly Calendar Review** that SEAC recommend to Board that the Superintendent of Safe Schools be invited to present the Safe Schools report at the October 16, 2019 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Tyler Munro, seconded by George Wedge, that SEAC recommend to Board that the Safe Schools report be presented every school year, in September or October, to SEAC.

On the Vote taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi relinquished the Chair to Trustee Crawford.

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Lori Ciccolini, that Item 11d) be adopted as follows:

- 11d) Special Services Education Parent Fair, Saturday, November 9, 2019 (Verbal Report) received.**

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 11e) be adopted as follows:

- 11e) Special Education Program Map Update (Verbal Report) received.**

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 11f) be adopted as follows:

- 11f) Service Animal Policy (Verbal Report) received.**

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

- 12. Matters Referred/Deferred to the Committee by the Board and Other Committees**

**From the June 12, 2019 SEAC Meeting**

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

- 12a) Responses to Concerns Raised by Delegations to the March 18, 2019 Special Board Meeting on Special Education received.**

Time for business expired and was extended by 15 minutes by unanimous consent, as per Article 12.6, to complete the debate on the Item.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

- 12b) Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Classroom Windows received.**

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Glenn Webster left the meeting at 8:59 pm.

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Melanie Battaglia, that Item 12d) be adopted as follows:

- 12d) Staff Responses to Various SEAC Recommendations Pertaining to Programming and Supports for Students with Special Education Needs received.**

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Melanie Battaglia, that SEAC recommend to Board that staff provide SEAC with a written outline of what supports/accommodations are available to help provide an inclusive landscape for SEN students in joining STEM/STEAM extracurricular activities and what role and responsibilities befall on both Principal and teaching staff in this process.

On the Vote taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

The Chair declared a 10-minute recess at 9:24 pm.

The meeting resumed at 9:38 pm with Trustee Crawford in the Chair.

**PRESENT:** (Following Recess)

**Trustees:** N. Crawford  
D. Di Giorgio

**External**

**Members:** Sandra Mastronardi, Acting Chair  
Melanie Battaglia  
Lori Ciccolini  
Lori Mastrogiuseppe  
Tyler Munro  
George Wedge

The Chair called for volunteers to serve as the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) representatives.

Sandra Mastronardi and George Wedge volunteered.

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by George Wedge, that George Wedge and Sandra Mastronardi serve as the primary and alternate OADA representatives respectively.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**15. Inquiries and Miscellaneous**

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Melanie Battaglia, that Item 15a) be adopted as follows:

- 15a) Inquiry from Superintendent Linda Maselli-Jackman regarding Selection of SEAC Safe Schools Representative for 2019-2020** that Tyler Munro continue as the representative and Lori Mastrogiuseppe as the alternate.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED



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

- 15b) Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Qualifications of Principals and Vice Principals** received and referred to staff for a response regarding extending the qualifications in Special Education to include the Director, Associate Directors and any senior Administrators who deal with students.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

- 15c) Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding College Level Courses** received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**16. Association Reports**

- 16a) Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) June Circular** removed from the Agenda.

**18. Pending List**

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that the Pending List be received.

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**19. Adjournment**

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

On the Vote taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR