

## 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 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 Mastrogioseppe  
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.

Glenn Webster was excused due to technical difficulties.

Melanie Battaglia was 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.

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A. Kennedy

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

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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

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR