

## 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 JUNE 10, 2020**

## **PRESENT:**

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

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

**Staff:** D. Koenig  
L. Maselli-Jackman  
V. Cocco  
A. Coke  
M. Gendron  
R. Macchia  
M. Meehan  
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.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum, the addition of Item 7b) Acknowledgement of Service to the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) for Linda Maselli-Jackman (Verbal) – Dan Koenig, Associate Director of Education; that Item 7a) Letter of Acknowledgement of Service and Certificate for Sandra Mastronardi be reordered after Item 8c; Item 7b) be reordered as the second Item of business; and that Item 8d) Letter of Interest from Melanie Battaglia to Serve as Autism Ontario Representative on the Special Education Advisory Committee be reordered as the first Item of business, be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**8d. Nominations**

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Mary Pugh, that Item 8d) be adopted as follows:

- 8d) Letter of Interest from Melanie Battaglia to Serve as Autism Ontario Representative on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)** that the letter of interest be accepted.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that SEAC recommend to Board that the letter of interest application from Melanie Battaglia to serve as Representative of Autism Ontario – Toronto Chapter Association on SEAC be approved by the Board, and that Melanie Battaglia will subsequently resign as the Community Representative on SEAC.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Melanie Battaglia left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**5. Declarations of Interest**

Trustee Kennedy declared an interest in Item 9b) **Budget Update (Verbal) – Linda Maselli-Jackman, Superintendent of Special Services** 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.

**7. Presentations**

MOVED by Mary Pugh, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 7b) be adopted as follows:

- 7b) Acknowledgement of Service to the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) for Linda Maselli-Jackman (Verbal) – Dan Koenig, Associate Director of Education** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**6. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting**

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by George Wedge, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 20, 2020 be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**8. Nominations**

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 8a) be adopted as follows:

**8a) Letter of Interest to Serve as Special Education Advisory Committee Member from Joy Alma received.**

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by George Wedge, that SEAC recommend to Board that the letter of interest application from Joy Alma to serve as a Community Member on SEAC be accepted by SEAC and approved by the Board.

MOVED in AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT by Glenn Webster, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that all new applicants be deferred until the application process can be reviewed.

Sandra Mastronardi connected to the virtual meeting at 8:00 p.m.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT was declared

LOST

MOVED in AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Glenn Webster, that all future applications be accompanied by a report or summary from the Superintendent of Special Services to SEAC, stating that the application meets the eligibility requirements set out by the Education Act.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT was declared

LOST

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Mary Pugh, that Item 8b) be adopted as follows:

- 8b) Letter of Interest to Serve as Special Education Advisory Committee Member from Wendy Layton received.**

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Mary Pugh, seconded by George Wedge, that SEAC recommend to Board that the letter of interest application from Wendy Layton to serve as a Community Member on SEAC be accepted by SEAC and approved by the Board.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 8c) be adopted as follows:

- 8c) Letter of Interest to Serve as Special Education Advisory Committee Member from Hilary Quinn** deferred until it can be clarified whether or not the applicant is employed to the Learning Disabilities of Toronto District.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by George Wedge, that SEAC recommend to Board that the letter of interest application from Hilary Quinn to serve as a Community Member on SEAC be accepted by SEAC and approved by the Board.

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that this nomination be deferred until it can be clarified whether the applicant is employed to the Learning Disabilities Association of Toronto District or not.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion to defer was declared

CARRIED

**7. Presentations**

MOVED by Mary Pugh, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 7a) be adopted as follows:

- 7a) Letter of Acknowledgement of Service and Certificate for Sandra Mastronardi** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**9. Reports of Officials for Information by the Board/Other Committees**

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

- 9a) Special Education Superintendent Update (June)** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 9b) be adopted as follows:

- 9b) Budget Update (Verbal) – Linda Maselli-Jackman, Superintendent of Special Services** received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that:

WHEREAS: The Board currently underspends by approximately \$3Million on Educational Assistants.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The entire Grant for Students Need (GSN) allocation for Educational Assistants be deployed to supplement our existing Educational Assistants roster for the 2020-2021 school year.

Trustee Kennedy left the virtual room at 9:30 p.m due to a Declaration of Interest in Item 9b.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy returned to the virtual room at 9:43 p.m.

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 9c) be adopted as follows:

- 9c) Special Education Advisory Sub-Committee for the Special Education Plan – New Participation Sought (Verbal) – Linda Maselli-Jackman, Superintendent of Special Services** that Lori Mastrogioseppe be nominated and approved to join the working group of the Special Education Advisory Sub-Committee for the Special Education Plan.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared



CARRIED

**16. Inquiries and Miscellaneous**

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 16a) be adopted as follows:

- 16a) From Trustee Crawford regarding Congratulations to Andrea Coke, Chief Speech-Language Pathologist on receiving the Business Leadership Awards as part of the Exemplary Practice Awards 2020 received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**17. Annual Calendar/Pending List**

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

- 17a) SEAC Annual Calendar Review received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

- 17b) Pending List as at June 10, 2020 received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**18. Adjournment**

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, 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