

## 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 NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

## **PRESENT:**

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

**External  
Members:** George Wedge, Vice Chair  
Melanie Battaglia  
Wendy Layton  
Lori Mastrogiuseppe  
Tyler Munro  
Deborah Nightingale  
Mary Pugh

**Staff:** D. Koenig  
M. Meehan  
V. Cocco  
M. Gendron  
O. Malik  
L. Maselli  
J. Mirabella  
F. Piddisi  
D. Reid  
P. Stachiw

S. Pellegrini, Acting Recording Secretary

**4. Roll Call & Apologies**

Apologies were extended on behalf of Trustee Di Giorgio and Glenn Webster.

**5. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum and Item 20a) Inquiry from Trustee Kennedy regarding Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and the ability of the Special Education teachers to access the application, be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**7. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**8. Approval and Signing of the Minutes**

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 14, 2020 be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**9. Delegations**

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

- 9a) Julie Altomare-Di Nunzio and Anthony Bellissimo, representatives of Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers (TECT) regarding the Elementary Special Education Delivery Model** received and referred to Staff.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**10. Annual Calendar Items**

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 10a) be adopted as follows:

- 10a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar (Draft) as of November 18, 2020** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 10b) be adopted as follows:

- 10b) Special Education Plan Review** received and referred to Staff.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 10c) be adopted as follows:

- 10c) Report from the Informal Working Group to Review the Toronto Catholic District School Board Special Education Plan** received and referred to Staff.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

## **12. Nominations**

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

- 12a) Letter of Interest to Serve as Special Education Advisory Committee Member from Lisa McMahon, Community Member** that SEAC recommend to Board that the letter of interest from Lisa McMahon to serve as Special Education Advisory Committee Community member be accepted.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**13) Reports of Officials for Information by the Board/Other Committees**

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

- 13a) Special Education Superintendent Update – November** received and that the Superintendent Update report be included with the SEAC Minutes that are submitted to Board on an ongoing basis.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

- 13b) Ontario Regulation 274 Revocation (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

- 13c) Update on Professional Assessments – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services** received and that the data numbers provided in the Superintendent verbal update regarding the Completed Professional Assessments be included in the Minutes.

Data Numbers as Requested:

Psychology – 113 Comprehensive Assessments have been completed or are in progress with 642 outstanding.

Speech and Language – 163 Comprehensive Speech and Language Assessments for Kindergarten Learning Program (KLP) students have been completed for in-person students with 86 soon to be in progress for the virtual cohort.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 13d) be adopted as follows:

- 13d) Special Education Plan Checklist Submission to Ministry of Education** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Melanie Battaglia wished for it to be recorded that she voted in opposition of the Motion.

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 13e) be adopted as follows:

- 13e) Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Update (Verbal)**  
– **Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 13f) be adopted as follows:

- 13f) Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Update (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Mary Pugh left the virtual meeting at 9:40 pm.

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 13g) be adopted as follows:

- 13g) Identification Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) – Placement (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services** received.

MOVED IN AMENDMENT by George Wedge, seconded by Melanie Battaglia, that SEAC recommend to Board that the IPRC Form include additional services available to students as per their identification.

On the Vote being taken, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

**18) List of Communication**

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 18a) be adopted as follows:

- 18a) Letter of Resignation from Joy Alma as a Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Community Representative** received and that SEAC recommend to Board the acceptance of the resignation of Joy Alma from SEAC and that a letter be sent to the resignee thanking her for her interest.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**20) Inquiries and Miscellaneous**

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by George Wedge, that Item 20a) be adopted as follows:

- 20a) From Trustee Kennedy regarding Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and the ability of the Special Education teachers to access the application** received.



On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**21. Pending List**

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 21a) be adopted as follows:

**21a) Pending List as at November 18, 2020** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**22. Adjournment**

MOVED by George Wedge, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, 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