

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 MARCH 24, 2021

PRESENT:

Trustees:

N. Crawford
D. Di Giorgio
A. Kennedy

External Members:

George Wedge, Chair – In Person
Melanie Battaglia, Vice Chair
Geoffrey Feldman
Lori Mastrogiuseppe
Tyler Munro
Deborah Nightingale
Mary Pugh
Wendy Layton

Staff:

D. Koenig
M. Meehan
A. Chui Moeini
V. Cocco
M. Douglas
S. Flood
M. Gendron
R. Macchia
J. Mirabella
M. Morrison
D. Reid
P. Stachiw

S. Pellegrini, Acting Recording Secretary

3. Roll Call & Apologies

Apologies were extended on behalf of Lisa McMahon and Glenn Webster.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Agenda, as amended to include Items 17a) Verbal Communication from Trustee Crawford regarding the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Stop the Stigma Student Mental Health and Wellness Symposium; and Item 19c) Inquiry from Deborah Nightingale regarding Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Completion by June 2021; and to reorder Items 14) Consent and Review after Item 10a) Fostering Innovation in Students of All Abilities – Megan Douglas, Melissa Morrison and Andria Chui-Moeini, Assistive Technology Team Co-op Student Initiative; and 16a) Special Education Plan Review – Input from SEAC Informal Working Group: Provincial Information after Item 9b) Special Education Plan Review – Input from SEAC Informal Working Group, be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

6. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

Tyler Munro joined the virtual meeting at 7:16 pm.

7. Approval and Signing of the Minutes

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Mary Pugh, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 17, 2021 be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

9. Annual Calendar Items

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that Item 9a) be adopted as follows:

9a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar (Draft) as of March 24, 2021 received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Mary Pugh, that Items 9b) and 16a) be adopted as follows:

- 9b) Special Education Plan Review - Input from SEAC Informal Working Group: Information (The Board's Consultation Process; Early Identification Procedures and Intervention Strategies; Specialized Health Support Services in School Settings; and Parent Guide to Special Education) received and referred to Staff; and**

16. Matters Referred /Deferred to the Committee by the Board and Other Committees

- 16a) Special Education Plan Review - Input from SEAC Informal Working Group: Provincial Information (Roles and Responsibilities) received and referred to Staff.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

10. Presentations

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 10a) be adopted as follows:

- 10a) Fostering Innovation in Students of All Abilities – Megan Douglas, Melissa Morrison and Andria Chui-Moeini, Assistive Technology Team Co-op Student Initiative received.**

Trustee Kennedy joined the virtual meeting at 8:17 pm.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that SEAC recommend to the Board that this presentation be

available to the Student Achievement and Well-Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

14. Consent and Review

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

- 12a) Special Education Superintendent Update – March 2021 – Held by Trustee Crawford;
- 12b) Response to Motion regarding Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Form – Held by Deborah Nightingale;
- 12c) Mental Health Advisory Council Update (Verbal) – Marie-Josée Gendron, Chief, Mental Health and Well-Being Strategy – Held by Melanie Battaglia;
- 12d) Safe Schools Committee Update (Verbal) – Tyler Munro, SEAC Committee Member – Held by Trustee Crawford;
- 12e) 2021-2022 Budget Consultation (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services – Held by Deborah Nightingale;

- 17a) Communication from Trustee Crawford regarding the Toronto Catholic District School Board Stop the Stigma Student Mental Health and Wellness Symposium – Held by Trustee Crawford;

Inquiries and Miscellaneous:

- 19a) Hanen Program (Verbal) – Sheila Flood, Acting Chief Speech-Language Pathologist – Held by Melanie Battaglia;
- 19b) Gifted Testing (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services – Held by Deborah Nightingale; and
- 19c) From Deborah Nightingale regarding Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) completion by June 2021 – Held by Deborah Nightingale

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that all Items not held be received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

ITEM NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN THE ABOVE MOTION

- 20a) Pending List as at March 24, 2021

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

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

- 12a) Special Education Superintendent Update – March 2021** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 12b) be adopted as follows:

- 12b) Response to Motion regarding Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Form received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

The Chair declared a five-minute recess.

The meeting resumed with George Wedge in the Chair.

The attendance list had one change, that of which was Mary Pugh's absence.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 12c) be adopted as follows:

- 12c) Mental Health Advisory Council Update (Verbal) – Marie-Josée Gendron, Chief, Mental Health and Well-Being Strategy received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that Item 12d) be adopted as follows:

- 12d) Safe Schools Committee Update (Verbal) – Tyler Munro, SEAC Committee Member** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Geoffrey Feldman disconnected from the virtual meeting at 9:25 pm.

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 12e) be adopted as follows:

- 12e) 2021-2022 Budget Consultation (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

17. List of Communications

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

- 17a) From Trustee Crawford regarding the TCDSB Stop the Stigma Student Mental Health and Wellness Symposium** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

19) Inquiries and Miscellaneous

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 19a) be adopted as follows:

- 19a) Hanen Program (Verbal) – Sheila Flood, Acting Chief Speech-Language Pathologist** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Geoffrey Feldman reconnected to the virtual meeting at 9:55 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 19b) be adopted as follows:

- 19b) Gifted Testing (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent Special Services** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that Item 19c) be adopted as follows:

- 19c) From Deborah Nightingale regarding Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) completion by June 2021** received and referred to Staff.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

21. Adjournment

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Geoffrey Feldman, that the meeting be adjourned.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR