

## 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 9, 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  
Lisa McMahon  
Deborah Nightingale  
Wendy Layton

### **Staff:**

D. Koenig  
V. Cocco  
A. Coke  
M. Gendron  
R. Macchia  
M. Meehan  
J. Mirabella  
D. Reid  
P. Stachiw

S. Hinds-Barnett, Acting Recording Secretary

**3. Roll Call & Apologies**

Apologies were extended on behalf of Tyler Munro.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Agenda be approved.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 17b) Communication from Glenn Webster, SEAC representative for Ontario Association of Families with Communication Disorders, regarding Notice of Resignation be added to the Agenda, and reordered after Item 4) Approval of the Agenda.

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

CARRIED

**17. Listing of Communications**

MOVED by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 17b) be adopted as follows:

- 17b) Communication from Glenn Webster, SEAC representative for Ontario Association of Families with Communication Disorders, regarding Notice of Resignation received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Geoffrey Feldman joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**6. Declarations of Interest**

Trustee Kennedy declared an interest in Item 11b) Budget Update (Verbal) – Maria Meehan, Superintendent of Special Services, as she has family members who are employees of the Board.

Trustee Kennedy indicated that she would not vote nor participate in discussions regarding that Item.

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

MOVED by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that the Minutes of the Meeting held May 19, 2021 be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**10. Consent and Review**

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

- 11a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar (Draft) as of June 9, 2021 - Trustee Crawford;
- 11b) Budget Update (Verbal) - Maria Meehan, Superintendent of Special Services - Deborah Nightingale;
- 13a) Special Education Superintendent Update – June 2021- Trustee Crawford;
- 14a) From Deborah Nightingale regarding Grade 4 Assessments, Identification Placement and Review Committees (IPRCs) and Placements - Deborah Nightingale; and
- 17a) From Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHNCDSD) to Minister Stephen Lecce in Support for Bill 172, Education Statute Law Amendment Act regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) - Lori Mastrogiuseppe.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Item not held be received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**ITEM NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN ABOVE MOTION**

- 20a) Pending List as at June 9, 2021

**11. Annual Calendar**

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 11a) be adopted as follows:

- 11a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar (Draft) as of June 9, 2021** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy recused herself from the meeting at 7:23 p.m. due to a Declaration of Interest in Item 11b), as earlier indicated.

MOVED by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Wendy Layton, that Item 11b) be adopted as follows:

- 11b) Budget Update (Verbal) - Maria Meehan, Superintendent of Special Services** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy returned to the virtual meeting room at 7:46 p.m.

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

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

**13a) Special Education Superintendent Update – June 2021** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**14. Consideration of Motions for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given**

MOVED by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Geoffrey Feldman, that Item 14a) be adopted as follows:

**14a) From Deborah Nightingale regarding Grade 4 Assessments, Identification Placement and Review Committees (IPRCs) and Placements**

WHEREAS: The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has committed to creating school communities focused on the success, mental health and well-being of all students, including special education students;

WHEREAS: 2020-2021 has been a difficult school year for many students. We agree that we all want to move as quickly as possible to support the recovery and well-being of special education students;

WHEREAS: We want all students to be able to start school in the right program and with the necessary supports at the start of 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS: TCDSB has not completed some assessments and IPRCs, including those given annually to all Grade 4 students.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SEAC recommend to Board that the Board of Trustees encourage Staff to move as quickly as possible to:

- (1) complete all outstanding OLSAT-8 assessments for all Grade 4 students;
- (2) complete IPRCs for all identified students as soon as they are assessed;

- (3) issue offers of placement for all identified students; and
- (4) allow parents to reply to placement offers at their earliest opportunity.

Trustee Di Giorgio joined the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The Chair declared a 10 -minute recess.

The meeting resumed with George Wedge in the Chair and no change to the Attendance list.

Geoffrey Feldman requested that the Question be split.

On the Vote being taken, Resolution #1 was declared

CARRIED

On the Vote being taken, Resolution #2 was declared

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On the Vote being taken, Resolution #3 was declared

CARRIED

On the Vote being taken, Resolution #4 was declared

CARRIED

Melanie Battaglia joined the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

**17. List of Communications**

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

- 17a) From Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHNCD SB) to Minister Stephen Lecce in Support for Bill 172, Education Statute Law Amendment Act regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) received.**

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, seconded by Deborah Nightingale, that SEAC recommend to Board that the Board of Trustees send a similar letter to Minister Lecce in support of Bill 172.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED



**21. Adjournment**

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee Crawford, 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