

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 MEETING
OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION**

HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022

PRESENT:

Trustees:

N. Crawford
A. Kennedy

External Members:

G. Wedge, Chair
M. Battaglia - Virtual
L. Mastrogiuseppe – Virtual
L. McMahan
D. Nightingale - Virtual
M. Pugh – Virtual

Non-Voting Trustee:

Trustee Rizzo - Virtual

Staff:

A. Della Mora
C. Fernandes
M. Meehan
V. Cocco
A. Coke
M. Gendron
D. Reid
P. Stachiw

S. Hinds-Barnett, Acting Recording Secretary

External Guest:

Alasdair Robertson (Parliamentarian)

3. Roll Call and Apologies

Apologies were extended on behalf of Trustee Di Giorgio and Tyler Munro. Michelle Da Costa and Geoffrey Feldman were absent.

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Melanie Battaglia, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that the Agenda be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

6. Approval and Signing of the Minutes

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that the Minutes of the Meeting held October 12, 2022 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 November 2, 2022 – Trustee Crawford;

- 12a) Special Education Superintendent Update - November 2022 – Trustee Kennedy and Deborah Nightingale;
- 12b) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Update (Verbal) - George Wedge, representative of Easter Seals – Trustee Crawford; and
- 13a) Consideration of Motion from Deborah Nightingale, representative of Association for Bright Children of Ontario, regarding Request for Information related to Aggregate Enrollment in the Withdrawal Program and the Identification of Special Education Students – Deborah Nightingale

11. Annual Calendar Items

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

- 11a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar (Draft) as of November 2, 2022** that the Annual Draft SEAC Calendar be updated as per the Minutes of the October 12, 2022 SEAC Meeting.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Deborah Nightingale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that SEAC add "Develop draft SEAC annual agenda and goals for next school year" to the SEAC Annual Calendar for the June SEAC meeting.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

Trustee Rizzo joined the virtual meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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

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

- 12a) Special Education Superintendent Update – November 2022** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

George Wedge relinquished the Chair to Trustee Kennedy.

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

- 12b) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Update (Verbal)- George Wedge, representative of Easter Seals** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

George Wedge reassumed the Chair.

13) Consideration of Motions for Which Previous Notice has been Given

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

- 13a) From Deborah Nightingale, representative of Association for Bright Children of Ontario, regarding Request for Information related to Aggregate**

Enrollment in the Withdrawal Program and the Identification of Special Education Students:

WHEREAS: SEAC requires timely information from the Board in order to advise and make recommendations to the Board on the “development and delivery of Toronto Catholic District School Board Special Education programs and services” in order to “improve the lives of students with special education needs and their families.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SEAC recommend to the Board that the Board Staff provide SEAC with the following information before December 1, 2022:

1. The number of Grade 5 gifted students who attended the gifted withdrawal program between January 2022 and June 2022;
2. The number of Grade 4 students who were identified as gifted during the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) testing conducted in the spring of 2021; and
3. The number of Grade 4 students and Grade 5 students who were identified as gifted during the OLSAT testing conducted from September 2021 to June 2022.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

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20. Adjournment

MOVED by Mary Pugh, seconded by Lori Mastrogiuseppe, that the meeting be adjourned.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR