

**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

PRESENT: Marilyn Taylor, Chair  
Rosanna Del Grosso  
Dario Imbrogno  
John MacKenzie  
Sandra Mastronardi  
Ashleigh Molloy  
Mary Pugh  
Giselle Romanino  
Raul Vomisescu  
Glenn Webster

Staff Present Trustee G. Tanuan, Vice-Chair  
Trustee A. Kennedy  
Trustee A. Andrachuk

G. Poole  
P. De Cock  
C. Fernandes  
D. DeSouza  
F. Piddisi  
M. Kokai  
A. Coke  
L. Maselli-Jackman  
J. Wilhelm  
S. Menary  
D. Reid  
R. Macchia  
A.M. Cassin

G.Mak, Officer – Corporate Services

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Ashleigh Molloy, that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that the minutes of Regular Meeting held May 13, 2015, for PUBLIC Session be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi and seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the following items be received:

- 13a) Verbal update from Frank Piddisi, Supt of Special Ed regarding protocol for Approval of Minutes

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, 8a) Notice of Matter from Sandra Mastronardi, regarding TCDSB By-Law 175 Conduct of Affairs be deferred to the next SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Glenn Webster, that the communication by Marilyn Taylor regarding the communication from UGDSB, GECD SB and NCDSB be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by John MacKenzie, that the communication by Marilyn Taylor regarding May 2nd SEAC Conference Modules be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan and seconded by Dario Imbrogno, that the following monthly report from Superintendent of Special Services for May, 2015 be received:

- *Speech and Language Services*
  - *May is Speech, Language and Hearing Awareness month. Resources are available for parents and teachers on the Board website.*
- *Mini Olympics – May 26, 2015 – See Brochure!*
  - Open Your Mind*
  - Open Your Heart*
  - Make a Difference!*
- *CTCC/SEPPB*
  - *SEPPB will continue to transform CTCC programs so that the programs continue to meet the current needs of students. There is no “one size fits all” program so we’re differentiating between Care and Treatment programs and Youth Justice programs.*
  - *Children and Youth in Care (CYIC) – TCDSB is running a SEPPB funded summer program targeted to children (elementary and secondary) in the care of CCAS. Our strategy is to include students in the queue for a psycho-educational assessment in order to expedite assessments.*
- *Autism Services Department*
  - *On-going planning among elementary and secondary ME-DD Teachers for grade 8 to grade 9 transitions*

- *A workshop for parents of children with Autism in grades 7 and 8 was held on Saturday, April 25th*
- *Early Learning Staff in-services for those working with students with Autism in Kindergarten, funding provided by the Early Learning Department*
- *L4A Collaborative Inquiry focusing on functional literacy arising from the ME Committee and the Accountability Framework Process. This initiative is funded through EPO Funding (TARO).*
- *Annual PPM 140 Survey completed and submitted to the Ministry of Education.*
- *Arrowsmith Program within the TCDSB*
  - *We currently have 20 students qualified and enrolled in the program for September 2015 at four classrooms at: St. Francis Xavier, Holy Spirit, St. Theresa Shrine and St. Alphonsus. The additional ISP cost per student for this program compared with our regular LD ISP classrooms is \$2,346 per student. Each classroom currently has 5 students each, however, each classroom may enroll up to 10 students with Board direction.*
- *D/HH*
  - *Boys' Club: A gathering of ISP and mainstream elementary D/HH boys was held on April 15, at C+D. This was an opportunity for D/HH boys to socialize and share experiences in a fun setting with leadership activities.*
  - *Girls' Talk: A similar gathering of ISP and mainstream elementary D/HH girls will take place on April 22.*
  - *Mayfest May 8,9 2015 – Citywide event for students, families and teachers – Networking Excellence! Student artwork showcased in the CEC Atrium from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of May!*
  - *D/HH Picnic - Friday, May 29. This will be a day of fun in the sun and networking for D/HH students and staff all across the Board.*
  - *Parent workshop at The Divine Infant May 26, 2015 9 am to 12 noon*

- *Gifted Programs*
  - *Journey Conference held on April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for our elementary students.*
  - *Parent Information Session coming up at the CEC 7-9 PM May 27, 2015 – Keynote Donna Mathews - “On the Growth Mindset”*

MOVED by Giselle Romanino and seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that item 11a) be adopted as follows:

- 11a) Superintendent of Special Services - Frank Piddisi, regarding Special Needs Strategy (Provincial) – received.

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy declared an interest in item 12b) 2015-16 Budget Estimates (SEAC) as her family members are employees of the Board. Trustee Kennedy indicated that she would neither vote nor participate in the discussion of the item.

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy and seconded by John MacKenzie, that item 12b) be adopted as follows:

- 12b) 2015-16 Budget Estimates (SEAC) – received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy and seconded by Trustee Andrachuk, that item 12c) be adopted as follows:

- 12c) 2015-16 Grants for Student Needs – received.

CARRIED

Chair has declared a 10 minute recess.

Mary Pugh and Dario Imbrogno have left the meeting.

MOVED by John MacKenzie and seconded by Glenn Webster, that item 13c) be adopted as follows:

- 13c) Special Education Plan / Restructuring Update from Frank Piddisi, Superintendent of Special Services – received.

CARRIED

Staff have been directed to come back with an update on Special Education Plan to be presented to SEAC and the Board of Trustees.

MOVED by Giselle Romanino and seconded by Glenn Webster, that items 13d) and 13e) be adopted as follows:

- 13d) Budget Consultation Survey Report – received.
- 13e) Budget Consultation Survey Comments - March 23, 2015 (Posted Online) – received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Giselle Romanino and seconded by Glenn Webster, that item 13f) be adopted as follows:

- 13f) Appointment to SEAC Committee – That Giselle Paine be appointed to the SEAC Committee effective the following meeting of SEAC.

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie and seconded by Trustee Andrachuk that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR