

## **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, OCTOBER 09, 2024**

## **PRESENT:**

**Trustee:** A. Kennedy

**External Members:** G. Wedge, Chair  
G. Feldman, Vice Chair  
J. Di Francesco – Virtual  
I. Novak – Virtual  
M. Seymour - Virtual

**Staff:** C. Fernandes  
M. Meehan  
V. Cocco  
A. Coke  
D. Comacchio  
O. De Figueiredo  
M. Gendron  
R. Macchia  
  
S. Adaikpoh, Acting Recording Secretary  
S. Hinds-Barnett, Assistant Recording Secretary

**External Guest:** Heidi Bernhart, Founder of Centre for ADHD Awareness Canada (For Item 17a)

## **3. Roll Call and Apologies**

Apologies were extended on behalf of Lisa Mason, Lori Mastrogiuseppe, Tyler Munro and Deborah Nightingale.

There was no Quorum.

The Chair declared a five-minute recess to establish Quorum.

The meeting resumed with George Wedge in the Chair.

**PRESENT: (Following Recess)**

**Trustees:** F. D’Amico  
A. Kenndy  
M. Rizzo – Virtual

**External Members:** G. Wedge, Chair  
G. Feldman, Vice Chair  
R. De Belchior – Virtual  
J. Di Francesco – Virtual  
I. Novak – Virtual  
A. Pabon - Virtual  
M. Seymour - Virtual

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Geoffrey Feldman, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum, be approved.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 12a) Special Services Superintendent Update – October 2024 be reordered prior to Item 11a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar (Draft) as of October 9, 2024.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that Item 17a) Centre for ADHD Awareness, Canada (CADDAC) be reordered after Item 10) Consent and Review, and that Item 18a) Inquiry from Jennifer Di Francesco regarding Update on October Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Awareness Month be added.

On the Vote being taken, the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

**5. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

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

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Minutes of the Meeting held September 11, 2024, 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:

- 12a) Special Services Superintendent Update – October 2024 –Trustee Kennedy;
- 17a) Centre for ADHD Awareness, Canada (CADDAC) – Jennifer Di Francesco;  
and
- 18a) Inquiry from Jennifer Di Francesco regarding Update on October Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Awareness Month.

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Items not held be received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

- 11a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar (Draft) as of October 9, 2024; and
- 11b) Special Education Plan October 2024

Trustee D'Amico disconnected from the virtual room and joined the horseshoe at 7:24 pm.

**17. Association Reports**

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

- 17a) Centre for ADHD Awareness, Canada (CADDAC)** received and referred to Staff.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Richelle De Belchior joined the virtual room at 7:58 pm.

Jennifer Di Francesco left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

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

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

- 12a) Special Services Superintendent Update – October 2024**

**Appendix A Special Education Plan: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Recommendations 2023-2024 and Updates to the 2024-2025 Plan**

**Appendix B Special Education Plan: Education and Other Assessments Section** received.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**18. Inquiries and Miscellaneous**

- 18a) From Jennifer Di Francesco regarding Update on October Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Awareness Month** not dealt with as the member was absent at the time.

**20. Adjournment**

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Geoffrey Feldman, 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