

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, MARCH 05, 2025

PRESENT:

Trustees:

F. D'Amico
A. Kennedy – Virtual

External Members:

G. Wedge, Chair
G. Feldman, Vice Chair
R. De Belchior – Virtual
L. Mastrogiuseppe – Virtual
T. Munro
A. Pabon – Virtual

Staff:

A. Della Mora
C. Fernandes
R. Putnam
M. Meehan
M. Caccamo
V. Cocco
A. Coke
D. Comacchio
O. De Figueiredo
M. Gendron
R. Macchia

S. Adaikpoh, Acting Recording Secretary

4. Roll Call and Apologies

Apologies were extended on behalf of Trustee Rizzo, Jennifer Di Francesco, Lisa

Mason and Marissa Seymour. Ivona Novak was absent.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Agenda, as amended to include Inquiries from Tyler Munro, representative of Inclusion Action in Ontario, regarding Items 20a) Dress Code for Special Needs Children on School Playground Areas; and 20b) Age limit for Use of Kindergarten Playground Space by Special Needs Children, be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

6. Declarations of Interest

Trustee Kennedy declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 10a) Financial Outlook and Special Education Funding Overview – R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, as she has family members who are employees of the Board. Trustee Kennedy indicated that she would neither participate in discussions regarding that Item nor vote.

7. Approval and Signing of the Minutes

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee D’Amico, that the Minutes of the Meeting held February 12, 2025 be approved.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy left the virtual room at 7:09 pm due to a Declaration of Interest in Item 10a) below, as earlier indicated.

10. Presentations

MOVED by Trustee D’Amico, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 10a) be adopted as follows:

- 10a) Financial Outlook and Special Education Funding Overview – R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy returned to the virtual room at 7:40 pm.

12. Consent and Review

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

- 13b) Special Education Plan March 2025 – Tyler Munro

Sections for Discussion:

14b. Classroom Support Process;

15. Educational and Other Assessments;

- 14a) Special Services Superintendent Update – March 2025 – Trustee Kennedy;

- 14b) Scheduling of the May 2025 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting – Geoffrey Feldman;

Inquiries

- 20a) From Tyler Munro, representative of Inclusion Action in Ontario, regarding Dress Code for Special Needs Children on School Playground Areas – Tyler Munro; and
- 20b) From Tyler Munro, representative of Inclusion Action in Ontario, regarding Age limit for Use of Kindergarten Playground Space by Special Needs Children – Tyler Munro.

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Trustee D’Amico, that the Items not held be received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

ITEMS NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN THE ABOVE MOTION

- 13a) Draft Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Calendar 2024-2025;
- 13b) Special Education Plan March 2025

Sections for Discussion:

- 14a. Early Identification of Children’s Learning Needs Strategy for JK to Grade One;
- 14c. Early Identification Community Resources;
- 14d. Early Identification Parent Brochure; and
- 19a) Easter Seals Letter to Dr. Brendan Browne, Director of Education at Toronto Catholic District School Board, regarding Post-Secondary Education Scholarships for Students with Physical Disabilities.

13. Annual Calendar Items

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Geoffrey Feldman, that Section 14b) of Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

13b) Special Education Plan March 2025:

Section for Discussion:

14b. Classroom Support Process received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Trustee D'Amico, that Section 15 of Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

13b) Special Education Plan March 2025:

Section for Discussion:

15. Educational and Other Assessments received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

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

- 14a) **Special Services Superintendent Update – March 2025** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 14b) be adopted as follows:

- 14b) **Scheduling of the May 2025 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting** that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday, May 21, 2025

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

20. **Inquiries**

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Geoffrey Feldman, that Item 20a) be adopted as follows:

- 20a) **From Tyler Munro, representative of Inclusion Action in Ontario, regarding Dress Code for Special Needs Children on School Playground Areas** received.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Geoffrey Feldman, that Item 20b) be adopted as follows:

- 20b) From Tyler Munro, representative of Inclusion Action in Ontario, regarding Age limit for Use of Kindergarten Playground Space by Special Needs Children received.**

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

22. Adjournment

MOVED by Geoffrey Feldman, seconded by Tyler Munro, that the meeting be adjourned.

On the Vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR