

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

PRESENT:

Marilyn Taylor, Chair  
Rosanna Del Grosso  
John MacKenzie  
Sandra Mastronardi  
Ashleigh Molloy  
Gizelle Paine  
Mary Pugh  
Giselle Romanino  
Raul Vomisescu

Trustee A. Andrachuk – by teleconference  
Trustee Tanuan

A. Gauthier  
G. Poole  
C. Fernandes  
A. Coke  
P. DeCock  
P. Mara-Stapleton  
J. Wilhelm  
P. Stachiw  
M. Kokai  
G. Sequeira  
E. Szekeres

L. Fernandes, Recording Secretary

MOVED by Gizelle Paine, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that the Minutes of the Meeting held January 20, 2016 be approved with a direction to staff to advise SEAC if Policy A23 the Policy on Special Education Advisory Committee has been aligned with the Ministry Regulation.

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that the Monthly Update from Superintendent of Special Services be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Giselle Romanino, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that the Psychology Symposium Flyer for February 22, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that the Special Education Plan - Review of Program Specific Resources for Parents be received and

1. that staff consider increasing the Empower Program in high schools when the budget is balanced and the accumulated deficit is eliminated and bring it back to SEAC.
2. that the secondary school course calendar of programs and services be brought back to SEAC.

CARRIED

MOVED by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that the SEAC Agenda Items and Draft Calendar- February 2016 be received and that we add to the pending list the exemption rates for EQAO and OSSLT from the years 2009 to 2010 and 2014 to 2015, how many were exempted, the number of deferrals and the number who have failed the OSSLT.

MOVED in AMNDMENT by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that we include all the years between 2010 and 2014 to capture all the data.

On the vote being taken, the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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CARRIED

Raul Vomisescu to present to SEAC in April about Community Living Toronto.

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the Report regarding Accountability Framework for Special Education be received and that the Framework include an analysis of student who are in the one day withdrawal gifted program, students in the congregated program and their performance.

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Mary Pugh, that TCDSB Mental health Strategy 2015-18 be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that the Mental Health Report be received with a direction to staff to check with the Research Department on the number of students with IEPs who have mental health issues.

CARRIED

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy, seconded by Giselle Paine, that the Multi Year Recovery Plan be received.

MOVED by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that ABC opposes any budget or resource cuts to special education and notes the Ministry of Education's refusal to accept their role to support special education in public education under the Canadian Charter of rights.

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by John MacKenzie, that SEAC prepare a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting additional funding for Special Education and that we invite the SEAC of our coterminous Board to do the same.

CARRIED

The following inquiries were heard:

1. Inquiry from Rosanna Del Grosso regarding Toronto Star article on principals excluding students from school.
2. Inquiry from Gizelle Paine on the qualifications required for an LD student to be accepted into an ISP class.

3. Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi on how schools could access before and after school tutoring services.
4. Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding the upcoming OAPCE Conference to be held at Madonna Catholic School.

MOVED BY Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR