

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

HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

PUBLIC SESSION

PRESENT:

Ashleigh Molloy, Acting Chair
Rosanna Del Grosso
Sandra Mastronardi

John MacKenzie
Giselle Romanino
Mary Pugh
Gizelle Paine
Raul Vomisesco

Trustees A. Andrachuk
G. Tanuan – by teleconference
A. Kennedy

A. Gauthier
R. McGuckin
C. Fernandes
V. Burzotta
A. Coke
M. Kokai
J. Wilhelm
D. Reid
P. Stachiw
E. Szekeres Milne

A. Robertson, Parliamentarian
S. Harris, Assistant Recording Secretary

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Marilyn Taylor, Dario Imbrogno and Glenn Webster who were unable to attend the meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Mary Pugh, that the agenda be amended to include inquiries from Sandra Mastronardi and Giselle Romanino and to move Item 12a) after Item 8.

CARRIED

MOVED by Gizelle Paine, seconded by John MacKenzie, that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by John MacKenzie, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 1, 2016, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 7a) Inquiry from Rosanna Del Gross on the Safe Schools Report be deferred to the October 19 meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 12a) Verbal Update on the Safe Schools Report for 2015-2016 by Vince Burzotta and Nadia Adragna be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 9a) the Review of the SEAC Calendar be received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that staff streamline the Monthly Calendar to reflect completed items or anything that is brought forward so that the calendar is clearer to understand.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 9b) Monthly Update from the Superintendent of Special Services be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mary Pugh, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 9c) Special Education Plan Update be received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that in keeping with the consultation process and the checklist, that staff come back with an explanation on the status of the Autism Minority Report that should have been brought forward in June 2016, and when the Minority Report will be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by John MacKenzie, that staff update the Special Education Plan and resource documentation accessible to students and parents online to reflect current and accurate information.

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that changes to the Accessibility policy be brought back to SEAC for review.

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that staff be requested to make the Professional Development report available to SEAC.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Trustee Andrachuk, that Item 9d) Letter from Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education, in response to Board of Trustees' letter regarding Special Education Funding be received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that staff be requested to prepare a letter for the SEAC Chapter Associations in response to the Minister's letter, and to prepare information with the following details:

- Placement of students in exceptionalities and IEPs
- Number of students captured in the placements

- Levels of service for the October 31st count dates
- Changes in the Special Education grants year over year

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that a letter of response be sent from the Chair of the Board to the Minister using the same information provided to the SEAC Chapters Association and that the letter be copied to all the MPPs and the Ombudsman.

CARRIED

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

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CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 9e) Verbal response regarding EVAC Chairs be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Trustee Andrachuk, that Item 9f) Early Years: The Kindergarten Program 2016 and Growing Success – The Kindergarten Addendum be received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that staff be requested to do a presentation to SEAC on the Early Years program.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Trustee Andrachuk, that Item 9g) Ministry Memo from Gabriel Sekaly, Assistant Deputy Minister, regarding In-Year Amendments to the 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2015-16 and 2016-17 Grants for Students Needs Funding Regulations be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that Item 12b) Verbal Report regarding Assistive Technology be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 13 Inquiry from Giselle Romanino regarding Autism Support Teacher be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 16 Pending List, as amended, be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Rosanno Del Grosso, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR