MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017
PUBLIC SESSION

PRESENT:

External Rosanna Del Grosso

Members: Dario Imbrogno
John MacKenzie
Sandra Mastronardi
Tyler Munro
Mary Pugh
Raul Vomisescu
Glenn Webster

Trustees: A. Andrachuk, Acting Chair
A. Kennedy – by teleconference
G. Tanuan

Staff: R. McGuckin
C. Fernandes
A. Coke
M. Kokai
D. Reid
P. Stachiw
J. Wilhelm
R. Macchia

S. Harris, Recording Secretary
K. Eastburn, Assistant Recording Secretary

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1. Roll Call and Apologies

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Marilyn Taylor, Ashleigh Molloy, Gizelle Paine and Giselle Romanino.

Special prayers were offered for the family of Sandra Mastronardi who lost a member and for someone whose husband is in the hospital.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Dario Imbrogno, seconded by Tyler Munro, that the Agenda, as amended, to include Inquiries and Miscellaneous items from Sandra Mastronardi, an Inquiry from Rosanna Del Grosso regarding Pro-Grant from the Ministry of Education to the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) and an information item, and an Inquiry from Tyler Munro regarding Staff and Student Accommodations, be approved.

The Motion was declared

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4. Approval and Signing of the Minutes

MOVED by Dario Imbrogno, seconded by Mary Pugh, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2017 for PUBLIC Session be approved.

The Motion was declared

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9. Communications

MOVED by Mary Pugh, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 9a) be adopted as follows:

9a) Special Education Superintendent Update October 2017 received

The Motion was declared

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MOVED by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Raul Vomisescu, that Item 9b) be adopted as follows:

9b) SEAC Monthly Calendar Review received.

The Motion was declared

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9c) Representation for Mental Health and Safe Schools Committees

Glenn Webster and Tyler Munro offered to be the representative for the Mental Health Committee and the Safe Schools Committee respectively, which was unanimously agreed.

9d) Orientation to SEAC - proposed date - November 8, 2017

There was a unanimous decision for Special Services Superintendent Cristina Fernandes to send a calendar invitation to all members.

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MOVED by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 9e) be adopted as follows:

9e) Ministry of Education's response to Autism Ontario Funding Letter received.

The Motion was declared

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MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 9f) be adopted as follows:

9f) Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary Division, Junior Division, Grade 9 and OSSLT Assessment Results received.

The Motion was declared.

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MOVED by Mary Pugh, seconded by Dario Imbrogno, that Item 9g) be adopted as follows:

9g) Education and Governance Supports Discussion Guide that a tool be created together with SEAC responses and that the results of the

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questionnaire be brought to the November 15, 2017 SEAC meeting for further discussions and feedback.

Staff advised that the tool would be created early during the week of October 23, 2017.

The Motion was declared

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MOVED by Dario Imbrogno, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Items 9h), 9i) and 9j) be adopted as follows:

9h) Special Education Plan - Model for Special Education

9i) & Special Education Plan - Transportation for Students with Special Education Needs

9j) Special Education Plan – Categories and Definitions of Exceptionalities:

1. That Items 9h), 9i) and 9j) be deferred to the November 15, 2017 meeting and that the Committee members bring their comments on those documents for review and that staff bring back the next set of revisions to be presented at the November 15, 2017 meeting in order for Committee members to bring their comments for review at the January 2018 meeting; and

2. That a Glossary of definitions be included and that the definition start with inclusion, modification, and accommodation of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and include the word a*ccommodation and/or modification* in the opening statement.

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The Motion was declared.

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13. Inquiries and Miscellaneous

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

13a) Inquiry from Marilyn Taylor regarding Transition from Secondary School to Post-Secondary School deferred to the November 15, 2017 meeting.

The Motion was declared

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MOVED by Dario Imbrogno, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

13b) **Inquiry regarding Violence in Schools** received.

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MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 13c) be adopted as follows:

13c) Inquiry from Trustee Andrachuk regarding the legal analysis of the Education Act Exclusion clause received.

The Motion was declared

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MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Items 13d), 13e), 13f), 13g) and 13h) be adopted as follows:

13d) From Sandra Mastronardi regarding the Professional Advisory of the Ontario Certified Teachers (OCT) regarding Response to Cyber Bullying of Students and Sexting received.

13e) From Sandra Mastronardi regarding the October 14, 2017 OAPCE Conference on Third Party Protocol Policy received.

13f) From Sandra Mastronardi regarding Defibrillators in Schools received.

Staff was asked to bring back a report including a list of defibrillators, and persons who are trained in their usage and what we are doing at the elementary level.

13g) From Sandra Mastronardi regarding Students Experiencing Issues with Violence in Schools received.

13h) From Sandra Mastronardi regarding Special Education Additional Qualifications Parts 1 and 2 for Newly-Inducted Teachers received.

The Director of Education advised that the Special Education additional qualifications courses, parts 1 and 2 are not mandatory and are therefore only recommended.

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The Motion was declared

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MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Items 13i) and 13j) be adopted as follows:

13i) Inquiry from Rosanna Del Grosso regarding Pro-Grant from the Ministry of Education to CPIC received.

Rosanna Del Grosso will send a copy of CPIC's Pro-Grant submission to the Ministry of Education to Committee members and survey members to ascertain whether there is an interest to coordinate efforts with CPIC and the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) to have a combined program.

13j) From Rosanna Del Grosso regarding Parent Expo Virtual Session, November 16, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. received.

The Motion was declared

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MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 13k) be adopted as follows:

13k) The Impact on Student Accommodations due to Staff Accommodations received.

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The Motion was declared

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14. Association Reports

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that Items 14a) and 14b) be adopted as follows:

14a) & From Gizelle Paine regarding Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) SEAC Circular October 2017 deferred to the November 15, 2017 meeting.

14b) From Gizelle Paine regarding Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) Response to Consultation on Accessibility Standard for Education deferred to the November 15, 2017 meeting.

The Motion was declared.

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16. Pending List

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Raul Vomisescu, that Item16) be adopted as follows:

16a) Pending List received

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17. Adjournment

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that the meeting adjourn.

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SECRETARY CHAIR