

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

HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018
PUBLIC SESSION

PRESENT:

External

Members: Ashleigh Molloy – Acting Chair
Rosanna Del Grosso – by teleconference
John MacKenzie
Sandra Mastronardi
Diane Montreuil
Tyler Munro
Gizelle Paine
Mary Pugh
Laurie Ricciuto
Giselle Romanino – by teleconference
Raul Vomisescu
Glenn Webster

Trustees: A. Andrachuk
A. Kennedy
G. Tanuan

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

S. Harris, Recording Secretary

1. Roll Call and Apologies

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Marilyn Taylor, who was ill, and Dario Imbrogno.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi , that the Agenda, as amended to include two Inquiries and one Miscellaneous item from Sandra Mastronardi and an Inquiry from Tyler Munro, be approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

Glenn Webster declared an interest in Item 9d) and said he would not vote nor participate in discussions regarding the item.

4. Approval and Signing of the Minutes

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by John MacKenzie, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2018 be approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

6. Presentations

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Andrachuk, that Item 6a) be adopted as follows:

- 6a) Toronto Catholic District School Board's Equity Plan Consultation – Nick D'Avella, Superintendent, Equity Indigenous Education and Community Relations** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

9. Communications

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that Item 9a) be adopted as follows:

- 9a) SEAC Monthly Calendar Review** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 9b) be adopted as follows:

- 9b) Special Services Superintendent Update – February 2018** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 9c) be adopted as follows:

9c) Accountability Framework for Special Education Draft received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Tyler Munro, seconded by Trustee Andrachuk, that the suspension statistics for all students with Individual Education Plan (IEP), as well as for students not identified be provided to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi wished for it to be recorded that she was not in favour of the Accountability Framework for Special Education Draft

Glenn Webster recused himself from the meeting due to a Declaration of Interest, as earlier indicated.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 9d) be adopted as follows:

9d) Auditor Report – Chapter 3, Section 3.12 – School Boards’

Management of Financial and Human Resources received and that SEAC request that the Board provide SEAC with a progress report on the four recommendations listed on page 109 of the agenda, that have not yet been acted on namely:

- *An attendance support program for school board employees;*
- *A performance management plan for non-academic staff;*
- *A centralized database for employee behavior complaints; and*
- *Case management software for centralized tracking of special-education service referrals and backlogs.*

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Raul Vomisescu, that SEAC request that the Board provide SEAC with a progress report on the fourth recommendation only: *case management software for centralized tracking of special-education service referrals and backlogs.*

The Amendment was declared

LOST

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Andrachuk wished for it to be recorded that she was not in favour.

Glenn Webster returned to the meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Tyler Munro, that Item 9e) be adopted as follows:

- 9e) Verbal Update from the Superintendent of Special Services regarding Student Trustees' Eligibility to sit on SEAC** received and that information in the verbal report be reflected in the Minutes (Appendix A).

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Laurie Ricciuto, that SEAC recommend to Board that student voice be represented in person at SEAC meetings.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that the legal opinion received from the General Legal Council regarding Student Trustees' Eligibility to sit on SEAC be disregarded.

Trustee Andrachuk requested that the votes be recorded.

Results of the Votes taken on the Amendment, as follows:

In Favour

Rosanna Del Grosso
John MacKenzie
Sandra Mastronardi
Diane Montreuil
Tyler Munro
Laurie Ricciuto
Giselle Romanino
Gizelle Paine

Opposed

Trustees Andrachuk
Kennedy
Tanuan
Ashleigh Molloy
Raul Vomisescu
Glenn Webster

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Results of the Votes taken on the Motion, as amended, as follows:

In Favour

Rosanna Del Grosso
John MacKenzie
Sandra Mastronardi
Diane Montreuil
Tyler Munro
Laurie Ricciuto
Giselle Romanino
Gizelle Paine

Opposed

Trustees Andrachuk
Kennedy
Tanuan
Ashleigh Molloy
Raul Vomisescu
Glenn Webster

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 9f) be adopted as follows:

- 9f) Verbal Update from Dr. Ashleigh Molloy regarding Transportation Working Group and SEAC Steering Committee received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the agenda be reopened to add Item 9g) Special Education Parent Fair.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that Item 9g) be adopted as follows:

- 9g) Special Education Parent Fair** that SEAC recommend to the Board that the Board request from the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) some funding in order to be able to engage parents at the Special Education Parents Fair.

The Motion was declared

LOST

13. Inquiries and Miscellaneous

13a) Congratulations to Dr. Ashleigh Molloy Ministry's K-12 Education Standards Development Committee

Congratulations were extended to Dr. Ashleigh Molloy by the Chair on behalf of SEAC.

13b) Congratulations Giselle Romanino's E-book: From Delight to Despair and Back Again

Congratulations were extended to Giselle Romanino by the Chair on behalf of SEAC.

The Chair also acknowledged Psychology Month being celebrated during February.

14. Association Reports

MOVED by Gizelle Paine, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 14a) be adopted as follows:

14a) Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) SEAC Circular, February 2018 received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Glenn Webster, that the meeting adjourn.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR

ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT TRUSTEE TO BE APPOINTED TO SEAC

Legal Opinion:

There are two sections of Regulation 464/97, **which likely result** in the Student Trustees being **ineligible for appointment to SEAC**. Section 5(1) of the regulation provides that a person is not eligible to be appointed to SEAC unless two conditions are met.

1. The first condition is that the person must be eligible to vote in the Municipal election for members of the Board of Trustees. In order to vote in the Municipal election, the person must be 18 years of age. So, the Student Trustee must be 18 years old to be eligible to be appointed to SEAC.
 - Neither of the Student Trustees are 18 years of age
2. The second condition is that the Student Trustee must be a resident of Toronto, which is likely the case.
 - Both Student Trustees are residents of Toronto

Even if the Student Trustee met both conditions as described above, the Student Trustee would still be ineligible for appointment to SEAC if he/she was a “member of a Committee of the Board”. I am unaware of whether the Student Trustees are or are not members of a committee of the Board.

- Rhea Carlisle is a member of the Safe Schools Advisory Committee

Paul Matthews
General Legal Counsel