

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Google Meet Link: [meet.google.com/atc-uxqv-aaw](https://meet.google.com/atc-uxqv-aaw)

6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Arlene Godby

Vice-chairperson: Melissa Gillespie

TRUSTEES/MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING ARE  
ASKED TO PLEASE NOTIFY VICKI BLAKELY (705) 748-4861 EXT. 1213

### A. Call to Order:

1. Land Acknowledgment: Sandra Scott

As we continue to learn together in these exceptional circumstances, I (we) would like to acknowledge, as we do at school, that this land on which we live and learn daily, is the traditional territory of the Michi Saagig (Mississauga) Anishnaabe. All of PVNC Catholic District School Board lies within the Williams Treaty territory and we are all Treaty people. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples of this land who continue to care for, and share their teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.

2. Opening Prayer: Sandra Scott

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

5. Motion for Excusal from Attendance

R.A. That, Shawna Belcourt, \_\_\_\_\_ be excused from attendance at the November 18, 2021 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.

6. Motion for Approval of the Minutes of the October 21, 2021 Meeting.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes:

**B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:**

1. Remarks: Chairperson, Arlene Godby
2. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning/Special Education Services, Laurie Corrigan
3. Update from Trustees: Helen McCarthy and Emmanuel Pinto

**C. Discussion Items:**

**A. SEAC Meeting Presentations:**

1. Success of Students Through Technology – Special Education Consults: Chantal Bouillon and Jeff Hockett

From Presentations:

- i. What are the key learnings from the presentation?
- ii. What do parents need to know?
- iii. What options exist to get this information to parents?
- iv. How can SEAC support parents in this process?
- v. What can your associations/organizations add specifically to the learning today if any?
- vi. What should be sent out to families in the DID YOU KNOW from SEAC?

**B. Correspondence Items:**

1. Trillium Lakelands District School Board – RE: Support for Bill 172 An Act in Relation to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

**C. Information Items:**

1. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association – Joint Letter with Trustee Associations, Ontario Council of Universities RE: AODA Compliance Reporting
2. Community Living Trent Highlands Updates
  - a. Letter to CLTH Families and Friends Community
  - b. [Ontario Helping More People with Developmental Disabilities Access Housing](#)

**D. Old Business:**

1. None.

**E. New Business:**

1. None.

**D. Next Meeting:**

1. Selection of Members for Territorial Recognition, Opening and Closing Prayers

**2. 2021-2022 Meeting Dates/Topics:**

<b>6:30-8:30 pm</b>	<b>Virtually</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
January 20	PAAC on SEAC – no presentation, group review and set actions
February 17	Transitions from Grade School to High School, High School and Beyond, and ECPP – Mandy Hamu, Sharon Davenport, and Laura Di Ianni
March 24	Equity Census Update – Superintendent of Learning Jeannie Armstrong
April 21	Update from Social Workers regarding support of Mental Health Dr. Cynthia Chan Reynolds
May 19	Budget Review – Superintendent of Learning/Special Education Services Laurie Corrigan and Superintendent of Business Finance/Plant Isabel Grace
June 16	Special Education Plan Review
10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	TBD

**E. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Prayer: Emmanuel Pinto
2. Motion for Adjournment

October 5, 2021

The Honorable Stephen Lecce  
Minister of Education  
Mowat Block 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto ON, M7A 1L2

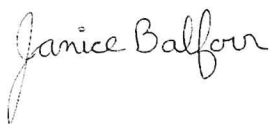
Dear Minister Lecce,

**Re: Support for Bill 172 An Act in Relation to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**

Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee is in full support of Bill 172. This proposed legislation will require all boards of education throughout Ontario to develop policies and guidelines with respect to FASD and require the Ontario College of Teachers and ECE programs to provide training with respect to FASD.

The high prevalence of FASD in Ontario makes it imperative that we offer comprehensive services to those impacted. The Ontario government has supported communities by providing funding for FASD Workers, an online information portal, indigenous FASD/child nutrition programs, and family and caregiver support groups. This support needs to be expanded to ensure that our educators have the knowledge and skills they need to support children and youth impacted by FASD to reach their full potential.

Thank you for acknowledging our support for Bill 172.



Janice Balfour  
Chair of SEAC, TLDSB

Cc: Norm Miller, MPP  
Laurie Scott, MPP  
SEAC Chairs

October 27, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairpersons and Directors of Education  
- All Catholic District School Boards

**CC:** Board Secretaries and Administrative Assistants  
OCSTA Directors and Staff

**FROM:** Stephen Andrews, Director of Legislative and Political Affairs

**SUBJECT: Joint Letter with Trustee Associations, Ontario Council of Universities Re: AODA Compliance Reporting**

We and other Trustee Associations have been in discussions regarding an issue with compliance reporting under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA). The OSBA had been in discussions with the Ontario Council of Universities and Colleges Ontario on these matters and suggested a joint communication to the Ontario Minister of Seniors and Accessibility outlining the compliance concern.

To provide some context, the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA) Compliance Report is a self-assessment of an organization's compliance status with the accessibility requirements under the AODA. Universities, Colleges and School Boards are required to complete this report by December 31, 2021. The issue relates to a specific question (14) in the Compliance Report which asks whether an organization's internet websites conform to accessibility requirements. The problem is that School Boards, Colleges and Universities have many external websites embedded in their digital environments which cannot be monitored for compliance purposes.

After review and internal discussions, OCSTA agreed to support the communication on this compliance matter. The attached letter addresses this compliance reporting concern.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [sandrews@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:sandrews@ocsta.on.ca).

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October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To CLTH Families and Friends,

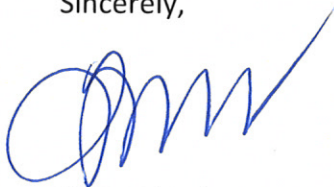
The nights are longer, and the temperature is dropping, and the pandemic has reached yet another stage in its evolution at CLTH. There remains many safety features and protections in place for our community homes as we work to keep the virus from entering our homes. Direct support professionals continue to wear PPE and continue to work hard each day to come up with new and creative ways to spend time both in the home and safely in community.

At this time, it has been mandated by the province that CLTH like many other workplaces have a vaccination policy in place. At CLTH we are encouraging all staff to be fully vaccinated. Our policy states that all staff will be fully vaccinated, and if they are not, they will undergo Rapid Antigen Testing twice each week. This has been a difficult journey, please know that safety remains steadfastly our primary consideration.

Our Community Participation Support programs have opened with many safety measures in place and require that people served are fully vaccinated to attend. This has been a bright spot over the past weeks, the excitement and joy of people returning to activities and people that they enjoy spending time with.

The restrictions and safety measures feel heavy largely due to the fact that we have been carrying them for so long. Numbers in Ontario of COVID 19 cases remain hopeful and as an agency we have not lost hope that some pandemic measures can soon ease. Huge thanks, as ever, to all direct support professionals for ongoing commitment and hard work to make days great for people, to our supporters and families, thanks for understanding, support and encouragement. Together we will rise from this crisis and enter our future.

Sincerely,



Teresa Jordan  
Executive Director