



Peterborough Victoria  
Northumberland and Clarington  
Catholic District School Board

# Agenda

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## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Google Meet Link: [meet.google.com/ody-hahv-axn](https://meet.google.com/ody-hahv-axn)

6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Arlene Godby

Vice-chairperson: Melissa Gillespie

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

1. Land Acknowledgment: Clare Paterson

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: Clare Paterson

3. Motion to Approve Agenda

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

5. Motion for Excusal from Attendance

R.A. That, \_\_\_\_\_ be excused from attendance at the October 21, 2021 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.

6. Motion for Approval of the Minutes of the September 16, 2021 Meeting.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Response to the Letter from SEAC to the Board of Trustees dated August 27, 2021  
By David Bernier, Board Chairperson

**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. Being Well Strategic Plan Update – Jennifer Angelo

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?

B. Correspondence Items:

None

C. Information Items:

1. Autism Ontario – October Update (attached)
2. Down Syndrome Association
  - a. Continuing to work on expanding in-person programming using the ministry recommendations for day supports as guidelines.
  - b. Continuing with virtual supports.
  - c. The AGM has been postponed, the community will be updated once a new date is scheduled.
3. Shift Your Thinking Re-Introduction – Supporting Parents, Youth and Educators (attached) – Trustee McCarthy

D. Old Business:

1. Topics for Presentations to SEAC 2021-2022

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
November 18	Success of Students Through Technology – Jeff Hockett & Chantal Bouillon
January 20	PAAC on SEAC – no presentation, group review and set actions
February 17	Equity Census Update – Superintendent of Learning Jeannie Armstrong
March 24	Transitions from Grade School to High School, High School and Beyond, and ECPP – Mandy Hamu, Sharon Davenport, and Laura Di Ianni
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. New Business:

1. Review of SEAC [Terms of Reference](#): Laurie Corrigan

**D. Next Meeting:**

1. Selection of Members for Territorial Recognition, Opening and Closing Prayers
2. **2021-2022 Meeting Dates/Topics:**  
Thursday, November 18, 2021  
Thursday, January 20, 2022  
Thursday, February 17, 2022  
Thursday, March 24, 2022  
Thursday, April 21, 2022  
Thursday, May 19, 2022  
Thursday, June 16, 2022  
10<sup>th</sup> Meeting TBD  
Location: Virtually  
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**E. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Prayer: Cynthia Chan Reynolds
2. Adjournment

# Autism Ontario – October Update

## Upcoming events, support groups and webinar links

- Upcoming events can be found here [Autism Ontario East Upcoming Events](#)
- Upcoming or previously recorded webinars can be found here [Autism Ontario Webinars](#)
  - o No Time Like the Present: Being Mindful Amidst the Chaos
  - o Cultivating Compassion: Nurturing the Inner Caregiver
  - o Assertive Communication: A Balancing Act
  - o Preparing for your IPRC: A 3 part series with Ed Mahoney
  - o ONTABA Professional Series: Employment & Human Resources Issues During Covid
  - o Positive Advocacy Strategies for School – The IPRC process by Ed Mahoney
  - o How to build social skills in children with ASD
- More learning opportunities can be found here [Autism Ontario Video on Demand Webinars](#)
- Online support groups and meeting dates can be found here [Autism Ontario Online Support Groups](#)

Coffee chats, Rad Dad Groups, New Diagnosis Support Group, Black Caregiver Checkin and Chat, Ausome Mom’s Virtual Support Group and more.

## Recent articles links

### [How People with Autism Fake It](#)

BY AISHA ASHRAF, SELF-ADVOCATE September 24, 2021 ~ 4 minute read

### [Supporting Students with Autism: 10 Ideas for Inclusive Classrooms](#)

Hello,

I wanted to see if you would be open to helping us get the word out. Shift Your Thinking has just been approved by the TDSB school board and we are still working on getting permission to share at the board level for PVNCCDSB.

Shift Your Thinking LD is a charity organization dedicated to helping parents, school leaders, teachers, and healthcare professionals work together to support the success of children with special education and mental health needs, so they can flourish in the classroom and at home.

The word on the street is that many folks will not see this information on the shared drive. If you could share the below information with your council and school family network, we may have a better chance at getting this information to the people who need it.

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**Date and Time:** Friday, November 12th starting at noon and Saturday, November 13th starting at 10.

**Cost: No Ticket Costs however donations are accepted.**

**Who is virtual Summit for?** This is our 7th annual SYT summit for educators, parents, youth, and professionals supporting children with learning differences, dyslexia, ADHD, and mental health challenges such as anxiety.

**2021 Topics:** Resilience, Human Potential and Intelligence, Assessments and Hope.

**Experts:**

We have the following speakers this fall summit:

- Dr Scott Barry Kaufman, PhD - Humanist Psychologist, Author and Speaker - Books include Ungifted, Wired to Create, Transcend, Twice Exceptional
- Dr. Robyne Hanley - Dafoe PhD - Resiliency Expert, Author, and Speaker - Calm within the Storm - A Pathway to Everyday Resilience
- Dr. Todd Cunningham PhD - School and Clinical Psychologist and UofToronto Professor
- Sara Westbrook - Singer, Speaker, Author – Youth and Parent Speaker
- Susan Schenk OT, Author Speaker and Co-founder of Shift Your Thinking.

**How you can help?**

If you know any teachers, colleagues, or families who would be interested in this event, here are 2 ways you can help them get the support they need:

1. Please share this information with parents, teachers, and resource staff-- and ask them to do the same. We've included an informative digital event flyer that you can share with others through your online communication with parents and staff. Or you can direct them to this link as well: [Shift Your Thinking Summit.](#)

2. We also want you to know that we support our parents and professionals throughout the year with our ongoing support and content inside our [Parent Membership Community](#) and our [Professional Resource Hub](#) (digital content, live calls, and learning certificates) and youth program [Rise Up](#).

If folks are unable to attend we will have online recordings available for those who can't attend during the event.

For more information regarding the summit speakers and community go to <http://www.shiftyourthinkingld.com/summit>

Sincerely,  
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