



Peterborough Victoria
Northumberland and Clarington
Catholic District School Board

Agenda

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 21, 2019

BOARDROOM

6:30 P.M. – 9:00 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 SUSAN MARIUTTI, (705) 748-4861 ext. 227.
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A. Call to Order:

1. Opening Prayer: Emmanuel Pinto

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga
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2. Approval of Agenda
3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
4. Excusal from Attendance
R.A. That, _____ be excused from attendance at the February 21, 2019
Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting (*A.5 attached*)
6. Business Arising from the Minutes

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Remarks: Chairperson (*Arlene Godby*)
2. Attendance Statistics (*Carol Sinacori, Attendance Counsellor*)
3. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning/Special Education (*Anne Marie Duncan, Superintendent of Learning/Special Education*)
4. Discussion: "Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities" Chapter 8 Sections 5-8
http://www.ohrc.on.ca/sites/default/files/Policy%20on%20accessible%20education%20for%20students%20with%20disabilities_FINAL_EN.pdf (*Anne Marie Duncan, Superintendent of Learning/Special Education*)

5. Report from SEAC members

Shawna Belcourt

Community Living Trent Highlands

- Peterborough Family Support March Break Activities *(flyer attached)*
- Employment Ontario –Summer Employment 2019 *(flyer attached)*
- Special Needs Aquatic Program (SNAP) *(flyer attached)*

Kelly Smigielski

Grandview Children Centre

- March 4, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, “The Anxiety ToolBox: Introduction to Anxiety and Emotional Regulation”
- March 5, 2019 6 – 7:30 pm, “Communication Success – A Beginners Guide” (ages 3-7)
- March 7, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, “Motivation 101”
- March 18, 2019, 6 – 7:30 pm, “I Can Do It”, how to lessons on teaching children with ASD daily living skills
- March 20, 2019, 6 – 7:30 pm, “ABA Science 101”
- March 21, 2019, 6 – 7:30 pm, “Making Sense of Sensory Processing & Self-Regulation”
- March 21, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm “More than Friends – Sexuality, Intimacy & ASD

C. Information Items:

1. Correspondence from Peel DSB to Minister of Education regarding reduction of special education funding. *(C.1 attached)*
2. Correspondence from Durham DSB to Minister of Education regarding reduction of special education funding. *(C.2 attached)*

D. Old Business:

E. New Business:

F. Next Meeting:

1. **Next Meeting:**
Thursday, March 21, 2019
Catholic Education Centre
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
2. Agenda Items: Applied Behaviour Analyst (ABA)
3. Selection of Member for Opening/Closing Prayer:

Future Meetings

Thursday, April 25, 2019	Special Education Support Staff
Thursday, May 30, 2019	Speech Language Pathology
Thursday, June 20, 2019	Psychology

G. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer: Emmanuel Pinto
2. Adjournment.



PETERBOROUGH FAMILY SUPPORT MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES

Dates: March 11 – 14

Time: 10am – 4 pm

Lunch: 12pm – 1pm (supervised)

Drop Off: Peterborough Square Lower Level VON doors

Pick – Up: Peterborough Square Lower Level VON doors

AGES: 13 - 18

Date	Morning Activity 10 - 12	Afternoon Activity 1 – 3:30
Mon Mar 11	Dream Board/ Vision Board \$10	Police Station Social Media/ Cell Phone/Internet Safety
Tues Mar 12	Dream Board Cont'd or St. Patty's Craft	City Bus to the mall and back
Wed Mar 13	Therapeutic Painting (A- Rod)	Bowling @ Lakeview \$10
Thurs Mar 14	St Patrick's Day Cooking \$5	Movies and Pizza Party \$15

Total Cost per person: \$40

Money due by: March Friday March 1 2019

Additional Cost if Youth wants to make extra purchases

Mall: Food Court Hot Chocolate/ Pop/ Snack = \$5 - \$10

Bowling: Snack = \$5 - \$10

Movies: Snack = \$ 20

Daily: There is a food court in Ptbo Square, people could purchase lunch if they choose

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YOUTH JOB CONNECTION SUMMER

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Job search and work place readiness, paid at the adult minimum wage rate
- Ongoing support from our Youth Counsellors
- Employment experience and work references
- Assistance in developing an action plan that will help you to set goals and plan for your future

PROGRAM CONTENT

- 20 hours of paid employment skills workshops and activities
- 6 to 8 weeks paid employment placement with a local business

PROGRAM CRITERIA

- Between the ages of 15 - 18, require life/job skills training & have limited work experience
- Be returning or have the intent to return to school in the fall

INFORMATION SESSIONS

If you are interested in learning more about Youth Job Connection please call Mary at 705.748.9110 ext 241 or email mcoughlin@epcjobs.ca to RSVP for our next information session:

- Mar 6th (4pm)
- Apr 16th 4pm)
- Apr 23rd (4pm)





SNAP Special Needs Aquatics Program



SNAP is geared towards children and youth (3-15yrs) with exceptionalities who would benefit from working with an experienced swimming instructor one on one. These lessons will target each child's strengths to help them improve their swimming abilities, while working in an environment that is inclusive to their specific needs.

Please be prepared to fill in a get to know you information sheet. This allows us to have a better understanding of the best way that your child learns, in order to have an effective lesson experience. Pricing for SNAP will be paid per lesson for the entire session. You can book your space by contacting the Aquatics Office, or emailing Taylor Eddie at taylor.eddie@ceo.ymca.ca

Members \$8.00/lesson Non-Members \$14.00/lesson



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January 16, 2019

Honourable Lisa Thompson
Minister of Education
Mowat Block 22nd Floor
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Thompson:

We are writing to express our concern at how Peel District School Board students are being negatively impacted by recent changes in funding to special education.

On August 24, 2018, Deputy Minister Rodrigues informed school boards of significant changes in funding for special education. Of particular concern was the decrease in the Special Incidence Portion (SIP) maximum claim amount from \$38,016 to \$27,405. Although the memo states that, "Savings incurred from this adjustment will be reinvested into the Special Education Per-Pupil Amount Allocation funding," this has not been true for the Peel Board. In fact, this change in funding resulted in a loss of \$850,000 for students with special education needs in our board.

We are concerned that the Ministry of Education has chosen to reduce funding so dramatically, especially as the number of Peel Board students eligible for the SIP continues to increase. Since 2016-2017, our number of SIP claims has increased from 298 to over 376.

As this funding provides support for some of our most vulnerable students, it is our hope that you will re-visit funding for special education programs in your planning for the 2019-2020 budget year. We urge you to increase the SIP maximum claim amount so that Peel students will be funded appropriately.

Sincerely,

Shelley Foster
Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee
Peel District School Board

c.c. Stan Cameron, Chair, Peel District School Board
Sue Lawton, Vice-Chair, Peel District School Board
Peter Joshua, Director of Education, Peel District School Board
Trustees, Peel District School Board

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January 25, 2019

Hon. Lisa M Thompson, Minister of Education
 Ministry of Education
 Mowat Block
 Queen's Park
 Toronto, Ontario M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Thompson,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the members of Durham District School Board's (DDSB) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). Our SEAC includes seven Parent Associations, who represent thousands of families in Durham Region.

During our September meeting the members of our SEAC discussed the funding changes announced by the Deputy Minister of Education on August 24, 2018. Collectively we are dismayed by the Ministry of Education clawing back the increase to the Special Incidence Portion that was previously announced for the 2018/2019 school year.

The DDSB already allocates 3 million dollars more money than given in Special Education Grants to Special Education services. The Local Priorities Grant is one of the grants the DDSB uses to cover the deficit in Special Education. The Local Priorities grant is a two-year grant that will end this school year.

Our SEAC has previously expressed our concerns that the amount the Ministry of Education provides for the Special Incidence Portion (SIP) is inadequate. The claw back of the SIP increase announced for the 2018/2019 school year and reallocation to Special Education Per Pupil Amount has resulted in a net decrease in funding, further increasing the DDSB's Special Education deficit. As the Auditor General Report highlights, the Ministry of Education's "funding formula uses out-of-date benchmarks and is due for a comprehensive external review." Our SEAC is extremely concerned by the direction this government is taking. The probable loss of the Local Priorities grant, coupled with the decrease in Special Education funding, will likely result in cuts to services for our most vulnerable students.

Our SEAC is also troubled by the Ministry of Education allocating Special Education funding where the Ministry perceives the need to be, rather than where the need has been identified by school boards. We are concerned that this will create inequity in funding among exceptionalities.



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We urge the Minister to evaluate the true costs associated with SIP claims to support our students and increase funding accordingly. We request that the Ministry of Education not favor one exceptionality over another by creating inequity in funding. The Auditor General has illustrated that 79% of school boards are spending more than their allocated Special Education funds on programming to support its students. We echo the Auditor General as we continue to request that the Special Education funding model be reviewed and changed to accurately reflect the increasing and more complex needs of students with special needs.

Sincerely,



Eva Kyriakides
SEAC Chair
Durham District School Board

cc: Chairs of Ontario Special Education Advisory Committees
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP
Lorne Coe, MPP
Jennifer French, MPP
Lindsay Park, MPP
Hon. Rod Phillips, MPP
Hon. Laurie Scott, MPP



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