

Minutes



The Minutes of the Special Education Committee Meeting held on June 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Catholic Education Centre.

PRESENT

Members Krista McEwen, Kelly Smigielski, Arlene Godby, Laura Quibell, Helen McCarthy, Emanuel Pinto, Anita Arnold, Shawna Belcourt

Absent (by motion) Melissa Gillespie, Clare Paterson

Administration Laurie Corrigan, Diane Mather, Gerard Winn

Recorder: Susan Mariutti

A. Call to Order:

1. Arlene Godby called the meeting to order and asked Diane to lead the group in prayer.

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Shawna, seconded by Kelly, that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None noted

4. Excusal from Attendance

Motion: Moved by Kelly, seconded by Laura, that Melissa Gillespie, Clare Paterson, be excused from attendance at the May 30, 2019 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the May 30, 2019 meeting.

Motion: Moved by Laura, seconded by Emmanuel, that the Minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None noted

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Remarks: Chairperson

- Thanked members for their expertise, input and dedication to students with special education. Tonight we will be reviewing the 2019 special education board plan, and

develop annual SEAC goals for the upcoming year.

2. Evolution of Psychology Services (*Dr. Cynthia Chan Reynolds, Board Psychologist; Darlene Abraham, Alicja Lech, Kerri McFadden, Beth Herrington, Pschometrists*)
 - Psychology staff shared the overview and history of psychological services within the Board, and shared their statistics for the 2018-2019 school year.
 - Moving forward to building capacity, to foster application of recommendations through consultation and universal tier 1 support pieces.
3. Christian Meditation (*Father Paul Massel, Faith Animator*)
 - Father Paul showed how the “Be Well Strategy” and Christian meditation are linked and defines us as spiritual beings; and led the committee through a short meditation
 - Distributed pamphlet on Christian Meditation;
4. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning/Special Education (*Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Learning/Special Education*)
 - Special education department has been working on and setting department goals, for the upcoming school year, which are an integral part of the Board’s Catholic Board Improvement Plan;
 - Board is saying good bye to Diane Mather, who is retiring, and welcoming Gerard Winn as the new Principal of Section 23/ Special Education Support, as well Susan Mariutti is retiring.
 - Laurie thanked the committee for their work, dedication, and contribution to special education.
5. 2019 Special Education Board Pan
 - Laurie explained the checklist and requirements by the MOE
 - Committee proposed to take a deeper look at the education plan in the fall.
6. Update from Trustees
 - Emmanuel reported on the Canadian Catholic Trustees conference and the Annual General Meeting he attended; highlights and resolutions from the AGM were discussed.
 - Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec are the only provinces who still full funding for Catholic Education
 - Helen had the opportunity to attend graduation at Fleming College’s “Centre for Success”, and was impressed by the student’s attitude, feeling of self-worth, and their commitment; they are an inspiration.
7. Develop SEAC Annual Goals
 - Committee discussed and brainstormed proposals, ideas, and suggestions to help set their goals in developing a clear path to support special education within the Board;
 - Potential suggestions include the monthly items listed in the PAaC on SEAC handbook; as well as:
 - Special education department plan 2019-2020
 - IPRC Process/IEP & Updates
 - Accessibility
 - School Based Autism Support Program
 - PPM 149
 - Programs updates (special education & LSS) & Section 23

- Math, Math & DLD, EQAO
- Transition Elementary to secondary: secondary to community (PVNC all 4)
- Budget & special education staffing
- Special Education Plan Review

9. Report from SEAC members
Included on Agenda

C. Discussion Items:

1. SEAC Working Group: Tabled to September
 - SEAC would like to review and offer recommendations on different items going forward; SWOT (**S**trength, **W**eakness, **O**pportunities, **T**hreat)
 - A copy of the 2018 Special Education Board plan was emailed to the committee to review with SWOT framework
 - Members are asked to review the plan and be prepared to share recommendations at the September 2019 meeting
 - A copy of the 2019 Checklist, completed 2018 Checklist, and a copy of professional development provided by the board for the previous few years has also been emailed to members.

D. Information Items

Attached to agenda

E. Old Business

F. New Business

G. Next Meeting

1. Thursday, September 26, 2019
Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
2. Agenda Items:
 - Deferred items: C 1 Working Group
C 2 “Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities” Chapter 11
3. Selection of Member for Opening/Closing Prayer:

Future Meetings & Presentation Topic:

Thursday, October 17, 2019
Thursday, November 21, 2019
Thursday, January 16, 2020
Thursday, February 20, 2020
Thursday, March 26, 2020
Thursday, April 16, 2020
Thursday, May 21, 2020
Thursday, June 18, 2020
Tour/PD

To be determined

G. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer: Diane closed the meeting with prayer.
2. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Anita, seconded by Shawna, that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried