

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 19, 2023
Catholic Education Centre - BoardRoom
1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Chairperson: Shawna Belcourt

Vice-Chairperson: Clare Paterson

Members: Shawna Belcourt, Kathleen Tanguay, Clare Paterson

Guests: Tiffany Thicksen, Kylee Baker, Teri Smith, Cynthia Chan Reynolds,
Jennifer Angelo

Administration: Jonathan Di Ianni, Karen Spenceley

Recorder: Ashleigh Faulkner

A. Call to Order:

1. Land Acknowledgment: Jonathan Di Ianni
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 the 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: Tiffany Thicksen
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. Motion to approve the agenda
Moved by: Kathleen Tanguay

Seconded by: Clare Paterson
That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None noted.

6. Motion for Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2023 Meeting.

Moved by: Clare Paterson

Seconded by: Kathleen Tanguay

That the Minutes of the Special Education Committee meeting held on September 28, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried

7. Business arising from the Minutes:

None

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Social Work Service Delivery Presentation

Cynthia Chan Reynolds and Jennifer Angelo presented to the Committee the 3 tiers of intervention which help to support the inclusion of all students. The first tier - good for all, tier 2 - good for some (e.g. classroom and staff meeting presentations, consultations with Principals, school team meetings), tier 3 - good for few (e.g. brief solution focused, goal oriented counseling, risk assessments of risk to others and violent threat risk assessment, consultation with external agencies). Aligned and Integrated Model (AIM) for school mental health and well being. Cynthia then discussed various programs that may fall under each tier and the roles of staff.

2. Remarks: Chairperson, Shawna Belcourt

Excited for new members to join the Committee. Discussion around the Chair position, Clare and Shawna will remain on the Committee as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and in the new year see if any other members would like to take on the role of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson.

3. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning: Special Education Services/Mental Health and Well-being / Safe and Caring Schools, Jonathan Di Ianni

Welcome Kylee and Tiffany as new members of the Committee. Thank Teri Smith for attending the meeting today. Special Educations Services PD update, highlighting training that has occurred for Principals, SERTS and Curriculum Chairs. We are continuing work around Third Path, Dr Tranter has a new webinar series that we have added to all staff. There is a Ministry report due by December 31, 2023 and will include contributions from various departments. Superintendent Di Ianni also shared that October 25th there is a Human Trafficking presentation that will be available to all

with an in person at ST. Francis and online via zoom.

4. **Remarks: Trustee Kathleen Tanguay**
Kathleen will report on both of these meetings at the next Board meeting. Spoke last Board meeting about letters coming from this meeting to try and find more money to provide added support.

5. **Board Budget - Teri Smith**
The GSN (grant for Student Needs) provides Foundation Grant funding
The GSN provides the basic costs of an educational experience for all students in addition to the base funding the GSN provides Boards with Special Education funding. This is to support additional costs of special education funding, services/equipment. Within the grant, there are six components: Special Education per pupil allocation (SEPPA) which provides the Board with a foundational amount of spending for special education; Differentiated special education needs amount and is comprised of multiple components; Special education equipment amount (SEA); Special Incidence portion (SIP); Education and community partnership program allocation (ECPPE); Behaviour expertise amount. Presented on the projected 2023-2024 breakdown of special education expenses.

Motion: Continue with this item on the agenda to create a letter to advocate a change in the funding formula to better support our students.

Moved by: Kathleen Tanguay

Seconded by: Clare Patterson

D. Correspondence Items:

Correspondence Items/updates were received as follows:

1. **Durham-Peel Catholic District School Board - Retention of Educational Assistants (attached)**
Briefly discussed at the last meeting that a letter was sent. Any further information on this? Defer to the next meeting.

2. **Minister's Advisory Council Feedback**
This document includes comments from members of the SEAC Committee. This is due tomorrow, October 20, 2023.

3. **SEAC Communication Letter**
A copy was provided to all the Committee members to review. This letter will be sent out to the Community to see if we could continue to add Committee members.

E. Information Items:

Information Items/updates were received as follows:

1. PVNCCDSB Board of Trustee Minutes and Agendas
<https://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/our-board/board-meetings/>

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

1. Tentative Meeting topics for 2023-2024 Special Education Advisory Committee:

Date	Topic
October 19, 2023	2023 Board Budget, Social Work
November 16, 2023	Staff Census
January 18, 2024 (virtual)	UDL/Executive Functioning, The Third Path
February 15, 2024 (virtual)	Equity & Inclusive Education
March 21, 2024	Community Connections - Funding for Families
April 25, 2024	IEPs & IPRC Processes for Families
May 16, 2024	Budget for 2024-2025, CBIPSAW
June 13, 2024	Special Education Plan, PAaC on SEAC

2. Putting forward recommended action to the PVNCCDSB Board of Trustees to add one new member to the Special Education Advisory Committee.
 - a. R.A. that Kylee Baker from the Alternatives Building Bridges Program, be approved as a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remaining term of November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026.

Moved by: Shawna Belcourt

Seconded by: Clare Paterson

That the recommended action that Kylee Baker from the Alternatives Building Bridges Program, be approved as a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remaining term of November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026

Carried

H. Next Meeting:

1. Selection of Members for Territorial Recognition, Opening and Closing Prayers
 - a. Territorial Recognition: Clare Paterson
 - b. Opening Prayer: Kathleen Tanguay
 - c. Closing Prayer: [Karen Spenceley](#)

I. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer: Kathleen Tanguay
2. Adjournment

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That the meeting held on October 19, 2023, be adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Carried