

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Catholic Education Centre

The mission of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the family and Church, is to provide, in a responsible manner, a Catholic education, which develops spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social and physical capabilities of each individual to live fully today and to meet the challenges of the future, thus enriching the community.

Committee Members:

S. Hobin, Chair, Trustee, Mississauga Wards 2 & 8
C. Koczmara, (Vice-Chair), Community Living Mississauga
L. Del Rosario, Trustee (Alternate), Brampton Wards 2, 5 & 6
B. Iannicca, Trustee (Alternate), Mississauga Ward 7
T. Thomas, Trustee (Alternate), Mississauga Ward 5
M. Del Rosario, ABC Association for Bright Children
N. Vrbaneck, ABC Association for Bright Children (Alternate)
D. Farrace, Brampton Caledon Community Living
C. Munroe, Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter
J. Hatton, Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter (Alternate)
L. Gaylie, Easter Seals Ontario
N. Lewis, Canadian Mental Health Association/Peel
D. Logan, Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton
V. Okrugic, VOICE/Peel Parents for Hearing Impaired Children
M. Demata, VOICE/Peel Parents for Hearing Impaired Children (Alternate)
L. Silvestri, Learning Disabilities Association of Peel region
H. Bialowas, Down's Syndrome Association of Peel: Caring Network
C. Encila, Down's Syndrome association of Peel: Caring Network (Alternate)
P. Olivieri, CCCSC, Member at Large
A. Pawlak, Member at Large

R. Della-Spina, Recorder

Staff:

D. Amaral
T. Cruz
D. Finegan-Downey
C. Bova
K. Richardson
J. Pratt
G. Brown
C. Kyte
D. Lean
L. Romano-Dwyer
S. Sweet
M. Minnick
S. Pompili Bosco
S. Baiana
T. Cameron
R. Commisso
J. Toste
H. Gremmen
D. Hart
R. Mittica
P. Boniferro
L. Eschli
K. Donaher

AGENDA

A Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory – "We would like to acknowledge that this is the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit, and thank them for being stewards of this land."
3. Opening Prayer – Prayer for the Beginning of the New School Year - *(attached)*
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes, SEAC Meeting, June 14, 2017 – *(attached)*
6. Previous Business

B Presentations and Staff Reports

1. Update: Special Needs Strategy; C. Kyte, T. Cruz
2. Update: Summer School For Students With Diverse Learning Needs; S. Pompili Bosco
3. Special Education Plan; S. Pompili Bosco, M. Minnick

C Budget

D Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees

1. PRO Grant Update; L. Eschli

E Reports from Community Associations

1. Community Living Mississauga; C. Koczmar

F Work Groups

G Information and Correspondence

1. Resignation Letter – C. Munroe, Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter
2. Resignation Letter – D. Logan, Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton
3. Presentation of Award – Inclusion Emerging Partnership Award

H Communication

I Questions asked of, and by Committee Members

J Public Questions



*Prayer for the Beginning of
the New School Year*

*Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather
once again as your community of believers.*

*We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you
renewed
in us through the summer months.*

*We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and
friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.
Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that,
with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue
to grow in our faith.*

*Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions
and works of faith.*

*Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy
and love to others.*

We ask this in your name.

Amen.



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REGRETS: L. del Rosario, B. Iannicca

ABSENT: A. Pawlak, J. Hatton, C. Munroe, N. Vrbaneck

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 E. Fischer
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MINUTES

A Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Hobin. Regrets were noted, guests welcomed and attendance was taken. A special congratulations to all staff members who are retiring and we went around the table and congratulated those with new appointments and who are moving to new positions within the Board. Trustee Hobin thanked all of SEAC on behalf of Superintendent of T. Cruz for the work this past year and looks forward to seeing everyone in September.

2. Chair Hobin read, as part of our By-Laws, under Routine Matters:

Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory – *“We would like to acknowledge that this is the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit.”*

3. Opening Prayer – *The Season of Summer.*
Chair Hobin led us in prayer.
4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by L. Silvestri:

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes – SEAC Meeting May 17, 2017
Page 4, I #3 of the Minutes should read Canadian Mental Health Association Peel Dufferin.

Moved by N. Lewis:

THAT THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2017 BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

6. Previous Business - NIL

B Presentations and Staff Reports

1. Special Education Plan; Special Education & Learning Services Staff
Staff reviewed the Ministry mandated Special Education Plan electronically, in draft, as well as passed around the table a draft hard copy. The plan will be added to the website in the near future. Staff reviewed the many changes taking place to make it more user friendly. Links to Ministry and other documents are included in the revised plan. The plan will be updated each year. Handouts for SEAC input/comments were handed out. One area of the plan will show the logos and email information of each Association represented at SEAC. A sheet with current information was passed around the table and members were asked to correct information and send corrections to R. Della-Spina by June 28, 2017. Discussion took place and questions were asked and responses given. Comments and input will be taken up at the September meeting and collated and brought forward for October.

C Budget

1. Update; Special Education & Learning Services Staff
The Special Education Staff Team handed out a summary of all input from the Special Education Advisory Committee for Input into Board Budget 2017-2018 received at a previous meeting. It was referred to as a celebration of all accomplished over the past year and what SEAC hopes to accomplish in the new school year. Chair Hobin confirmed that this information would have been shared at different Board tables and to the staff who develop the budget plan for submission to the Ministry. Questions were taken and responses given.

D Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees

1. During the last few weeks, schools have been getting ready for graduation, and sacraments have been received over the past few months.
2. As weather starts to heat up, there is some concern about those schools which do not have air conditioning. The newer schools which have been built and are being built with air conditioning.
3. A draft of the Board's budget came to the table at Administration and Finance meeting last week and was approved for approximately \$1B. The final draft of the budget will go to the General Board Meeting on June 20, 2017 for final approval. Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

has a balanced budget passing through 4 levels of auditors. The the new budget must be submitted to the Ministry by June 30, 2017.

4. We will be upgrading all of our cameras in our school facilities replacing them with newer technology and the number of cameras in each facility. Another on-going project is the upgrading of computer technology across the board.
5. The Board's 2 student Trustees spoke at our last Faith & Program meeting. They both spoke very well and received a standing ovation. Trustees B. Iannicca and E. O'Toole received 25 year pins for their service and dedication to the Dufferin-Peel community.

E Reports from Community Associations

1. Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region; B. Wallace, Executive Director
Chair Hobin introduced and welcomed Barbara Wallace to present at SEAC. B. Wallace did a PowerPoint presentation of LDAPR, the programs available and the services they provide.

F Work Groups

1. Pro Grant Update and Application for 2017-18; L. Eschli
L. Eschli will be sending off the application for the PRO Grant to the Ministry which is due by midnight on June 15, 2017. The title for our 2017-2018 PRO Grant will be Walking Together, Working Together Supporting our Parents. The Initiatives included in the application are: Transitions to Kindergarten, transitions to Community, Technology, Math, Sacraments and Mental Health. Laurie will ask for the full grant of \$30,000.

G Information and Correspondence – NIL

H Communication

I Questions asked of, and by Committee Members

1. L. Gaylie will forward R. Della-Spina some topics she would like discussed at a future meeting.

J Public Questions - NIL

K Future Meetings

1. Chair Hobin referred to the list of Meeting Dates that were included in their package. The next meeting date is scheduled for September 13, 2017. Confirmed dates will be posted to the website over the summer.
2. Special Needs Strategy Update will be given at the September meeting and SEAC has an opportunity to provide input.

L Adjournment

Chair Hobin adjourned the meeting with a prayer: *Prayer to End a School Year.*

Moved by **C. Koczmaro**:

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:36 PM.

CARRIED