

**Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Memorial Bl. Lorenzo Salvi**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Board Room, Catholic Education Centre**

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**Committee Members:**

Luz del Rosario, Chair, Trustee, Mississauga Wards 6 & 11  
Leslie Silvestri, (Vice-Chair), Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region  
Stefano Pascucci, Trustee, Mississauga Ward 4  
Bruno Iannicca, Trustee (Alternate), Mississauga Ward 7  
Thomas Thomas, Trustee (Alternate), Mississauga Ward 5  
Myra Del Rosario, ABC Association for Bright Children  
Nancy Vrbaneck, ABC Association for Bright Children (Alt.)  
Dely Farrace, Brampton Caledon Community Living  
Janice Hatton, Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter  
Airene Cunanan, Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter (Alt.)  
Lisette Gaylie, Easter Seals Ontario  
Nisha Lewis, Canadian Mental Health Association/Peel  
Rose Casaccia, Canadian Mental Health Association/Peel (Alt.)  
Veronika Okrugic, VOICE/Peel Parents for Hearing Impaired Children  
Maria Demata, VOICE/Peel Parents for Hearing Impaired Children (Alt.)  
Christine Koczmar, Community Living Mississauga  
Heather Bialowas, Down Syndrome Association of Peel: Caring Network  
Celeste Encila, Down Syndrome Association of Peel: Caring Network (Alt.)  
Bobbi Wilson, CCCSC, Member at Large

**Staff:**

David Amaral  
Deb Finegan-Downey  
Cairine MacDonald  
Cathy Bova  
Tina De Vellis-Carino  
Kylie Richardson  
Jason Pratt  
Christiane Kyte  
Joanne Dean  
Kate Hann  
Yulanda Julien  
Debra Lean  
Rosanna Commisso  
Shannon Pompili Bosco  
Sabrina Baiana  
Tammie Cameron  
Laura Pincente  
Jacqui Toste  
Michael Schaus  
Teddi Lowie  
Kimberley Crhak  
Laurie Eschli  
Anne Vuillet  
Kellie Donaher

Rosie Della-Spina, Recorder

**AGENDA**

**A Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory – “We would like to acknowledge that we are on sacred Indigenous territory and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for being the stewards of this land.”
3. Opening Prayer - *The Season of Summer*
4. Approval of Agenda

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*“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)*

5. Approval of Minutes, SEAC Meeting, May 15, 2019 – *(attached)*
6. Previous Business

**B Presentations and Staff Reports**

1. What is new in Special Education 2018-2019 – Top Ten; Special Education Staff

**C Budget**

**D Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees**

**E Reports from Community Associations**

**F Work Group**

1. Special Education Plan; Special Education Staff
2. PRO Grant Video; Special Education Staff

**G Information and Correspondence**

1. PRO Grant moving forward
2. DSB Ontario North East May 22, 2019 – Autism Funding
3. Peel DSB May 10, 2019 - Funding

**H Communication**

**I Questions asked of, and by Committee Members**

**J Public Questions**

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**K Future Meetings**

1. Tentative Dates for 2019-2020 *(attached)*

**L Adjournment**



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**REGRETS:** L. del Rosario, L. Silvestri, C. Koczmar, H. Bialowas, B. Wilson

**ABSENT:** N. Lewis, V. Okrugic, C. Encila, M. Demata

**MINUTES**

**A Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order and Attendance

In Chair Luz del Rosario's absence, the meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Trustee

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*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

Stefano Pascucci. Attendance was taken, regrets noted and guests, Sharon Hobin, Chair of the Board, DPCDSB, Mississauga Wards 2 & 8; Elijah Baron, student at St. Roch C.S.S. and his Family; Jeff Quenneville, Principal and Mario Antognetti, Teacher at St. Roch C.S.S. were all welcomed.

2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory  
Trustee Stefano Pascucci acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation.
3. Opening Prayer  
The opening prayer, *Jean Vanier Prayer*, was displayed on the screens and led by Trustee Stefano Pascucci. Jean Vanier, a Canadian Catholic philosopher, recently passed away on May 7, 2019. Jean Vanier was the founder of L'Arche community homes, for those with developmental disabilities. The Hail Mary was also prayed.
4. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by: Lisette Gaylie**

**THAT THE AGENDA OF MAY 15, 2019 BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

5. Approval of Minutes, SEAC Meeting

**Moved by: Dely Farrace**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2019 BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

6. Previous Business - NIL

## **B Presentations and Staff Reports**

1. Trustee Stefano Pascucci started with an introduction of Elijah Baron who placed first for his short video *"Specially Made"*, at the Creative Minds Youth Awards event. This event focuses on art, essays and video and four of the six awards went to Dufferin-Peel CDSB students and two to Peel DSB. Elijah presented his award video about his brother Elje, who is autistic and non-verbal. Elijah thanked SEAC for the positive reception. Elijah and his family are all advocates for those with special needs and thanked his family, teacher and principal for their support in getting out the video. Elijah took questions.
2. Christiane Kyte, General Manager of Clinical Services and Special Education presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Multi-Disciplinary Team.  
In 2018-2019, Special Education and Learning Services introduced a Board-level multidisciplinary team to support students with complex learning, social-emotional and developmental profiles. The objectives for the service include capacity building, collaboration with families, educators and other school team personnel, identification of personalized learning goals and short-term targeted interventions.  
Members of the Board-level multidisciplinary team provide occupational therapy and behaviour analytic services. Together with colleagues from schools and from the Special Education and Learning Services Department, they also participate in collaborative case conferences to support the needs of diverse learners.

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Multidisciplinary team services are accessed by the Family of Schools Superintendent or designate on behalf of students with long standing needs in multiple developmental areas. Collaborative services build upon special education supports (e.g., the IEP, safety plan, behaviour plan etc.) that are already in place, in partnership with school-level personnel and staff from the Family of Schools. Services support classroom-based programming: assessment, goal setting, strategy selection, data collection and analysis, and progress monitoring.

### C Budget – NIL

### D Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees

1. An addition was made to the agenda by Stefano Pascucci, the *Draft* Letter written on behalf of SEAC by Christine Koczmar and Leslie Silvestri to the Honorable Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Education to be added to D 3.  
Trustee Stefano Pascucci introduced Sharon Hobin, Chair of the Board of Trustees who came to update SEAC about current issues. Trustee Sharon Hobin explained that the Board of Trustees and staff were asked to give input to the Ministry on various topics. Timelines were given for each topic and input submitted. This has been ongoing since early Fall.  
MPP's were invited to meet with the Board of Trustees for a meeting and dinner. All attended except for three MPP's from Brampton. The Dufferin-Peel story was presented on the successes and challenges of Dufferin-Peel. The jazz band from R.F. Hall provided music and the Hospitality students from St. Marcellinus provided food. The majority of MPP's are new and they did not know very much about education. The meeting helped educate the MPP's and their questions and ideas were brought forward. Since then, most of the Dufferin-Peel Trustees are working very hard to reach out to them and have met individually with their MPP's explaining why their ideas would not work and the impact it would have on Dufferin-Peel students. The information they are holding on to is coming directly from the Minister of Education and the Premier. A letter sent to the Honorable Lisa Thompson on April 25, 2019 was specifically about the announcement on E-Learning and Trustees are very upset about this decision and the impact it will have on staff and students. Concerns included: that it is non-inclusive for the students in our system; the housing of this software will be at the Ministry; who is writing the curriculum and will it be put through the Institute of Catholic Education and therefore have a Catholic framework; 35:1 students and not necessarily a teacher will be giving a lesson and will be there to answer questions online. Grants for Student Needs has come out very late without the technical papers which are usually out by the end of March. The technical papers are what staff use to fill in the blanks and to give information about how these grants will be applied to our budgets. We are currently short 15.1M dollars, which will come out of other areas which could mean cuts in Programs. Funding for approximately 100 staff, is connected to the contract negotiations and how the negotiations roll out will have an impact, 171 staff are designated as surplus. We are working with what we know and decisions are being made to save jobs. Questions were taken.
2. The impact letter that went out April 3, 2019 from the Chair of the Board, Sharon Hobin and the Director of Education, Marianne Mazzorato, discussed various changes announced by the Minister of Education, however, many of the changes are currently being done by our Board and therefore doesn't cause great concern.
3. Trustee Stefano Pascucci gave members seven minutes to review the *Draft* Letter at which time suggestions were taken. Once the letter has been edited and signed, it will be sent to the Minister of Education. A copy will be sent to members.

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**E Reports from Community Associations - NIL**

**F Work Group**

1. Shannon Pompili Bosco asked SEAC to look over the *Input Into Board Budget* report. Trustee Stefano Pascucci gave SEAC ten minutes to review and bring forward additions. Edits were noted and Shannon Pompili Bosco will make the changes and the report will be forwarded to Financial Services. Rosie Della-Spina will forward the final copy to SEAC Members electronically.
2. A PRO Grant update was given by staff. PRO Grants for 2018-2019 are completed. A small group attended Safe Talk on Monday, May 13, 2019. Due to weather, many could not attend. On Tuesday May 14, 2019, Every Child Has A Voice was well-attended by both parents and children. There were two sessions and staff was available to help answer all questions.

**G Information and Correspondence**

1. Copies of several letters sent to the Chair of SEAC, was made available to members for their review. Board of Trustees received a letter from Peel DSB. A copy will be forwarded by Stefano Pascucci to Rosie Della-Spina who will send out to members.

**H Communication – NIL**

**I Questions asked of, and by Committee Members**

1. A request by Dely Farrace, to have the Financial Services presentation of April 3, 2019 sent out to members.
2. A request by Airene Cunanan to have the Multi-Disciplinary presentation sent out to members. Rosie Della-Spina to send out electronic copies of both presentations.

**J Public Questions**

**K Future Meetings**

June 12, 2019

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**L Adjournment**

Moved by: Dely Farrace

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 9:24 PM.**

**CARRIED**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION AND LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING DATES 2019-2020**

**7:00 PM IN THE BOARDROOM\***

**THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

**OCTOBER 9, 2019**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

**DECEMBER 4, 2019\*\***

**JANUARY 15, 2020**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

**MARCH 11, 2020**

**APRIL 22, 2020**

**MAY 20, 2020**

**JUNE 10, 2020**

**\*ALL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE BOARDROOM UNLESS  
OTHERWISE POSTED IN RECEPTION AREA**

**\*\*ADVENT LITURGY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6:30 PM FOLLOWED BY A  
RECEPTION PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**