



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at Club Italia, Niagara Falls.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Racine.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Chair Racine.

2. Roll Call

Members	Affiliations	Present	Excused	Absent
Anna Racine	The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario	✓		
Pina Palombo	Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara)	✓		
Ted Nangle	Learning Disabilities Association – Niagara		✓	
Bill Helmeczi	Pathstone Mental Health	✓		
Andrew Howcroft	Community Living Welland Pelham	✓		
Karen Murphy	Autism Ontario Niagara Region	✓		
Dorothy Harvey	Niagara Children’s Centre		✓	
Lorraine Smith	Mainstream	✓		
Rita Smith	Community Living Port Colborne/Wainfleet	✓		
Trustees				
Rhianon Burkholder		✓		
Kathy Burtnik			✓	
Student Senate Representative				
Donald Hingston			✓	

The following staff were in attendance:

Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education; **David O'Rourke**, Coordinator – Special Education;
Adele Filice, Vice-Principal, Secondary; **Chris Kerho**, Principal, Elementary

The following staff were excused:

Tina DiFrancesco, Recording Secretary

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Lorraine Smith

Seconded by Pina Palombo

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the Agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 1, 2019.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 3, 2019

Moved by Karen Murphy

Seconded by Rita Smith

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 3, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Policy Review

- *Bullying Prevention & Intervention – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.8)*
- *Community Use of Facilities Policy (800.2)*

*A discussion was held regarding the above policies. Feedback is to be submitted to jennifer.pellegrini@ncdsb.com by **May 8, 2019**.*

2. SEAC Letter

Letter was reviewed by SEAC. Superintendent Rocca to edit and send forward to Ministry of Education.

Discussions centred around changes in implementation of service for students; how schools can support students and families to become more familiar with services that may be provided; how letter can be shared with other organizations as a framework.

A discussion was held about current allocation of Educational Resource Teachers in a school. Currently it is done through a number. How accurate is the information that Student Services is receiving? What is the best way to service students? Concern was noted around the table as schools with students who have significant need are not being addressed through an equitable allocation of Educational Resource Teacher time.

D. SEAC REPORT

- Nil Report

E. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

David O'Rourke – Coordinator Special Education

- Reviewed the roles of the SEAC.
- Considering the relocation of one of the Learning Strategies and Social Skills Classes to Pope Francis Centre.

F. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Nil Report

G. STUDENT REPORT

- Nil Report

H. NCPIC REPORT

- Nil Report

I. NOTICES OF MOTION

J. FUTURE MEETINGS/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Correspondence
2. Sheila Bennett

K. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Anna Racine

THAT the May 1, 2019 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
