



AGENDA AND MATERIAL



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting in Compliance with Education Act Section 207 and
Ontario Regulation 463/97 Section 5.1 (2)

PUBLIC ACCESS LIVE STREAM LINK

<https://niagaracatholic.ca/meetings-livestream/>

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement

Introduction:

The Niagara Catholic District School Board wishes to honour the Indigenous people who have been the protectors of this land, known as Turtle Island, for more than ten thousand years.

We begin this meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

2. Opening Prayer

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of the Agenda

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

6. Approval of Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 7, 2022

B. PRESENTATION

None

C. AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Letter from Durham District School Board**

- Send a letter of support?

2. **SEAC Chair's Report**

Happy New Year everyone!

As you recall in December groups were established for the two goals we presented to Gino's team. That information can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1efNyKMwUPjjMIB7foywhRE_aEgOgi2ERYslylRCwXA/edit?usp=sharing

If you have not had a chance to join one of these working groups, please add your name to the one you are interested in supporting. Each group will meet a few times over the course of the year when planning for any of the outcomes that will move forward. Your participation can be as little or as much as you are able: but we want every voice included

Last March our former chair presented on the roles of the SEAC Committee and Membership. I want to re-share this presentation since we have several new members this year. If you are unsure of the role of SEAC as a collective and/or your role/responsibilities as a member, you can find this information and more on the slides here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Ea1Df1O5LRIBAi2QtX66buY50KSudwi2/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112230540140545253772&rtpof=true&sd=true>

At that time, we also developed a feedback form as recommended in the SEAC documents we reviewed. You can use this form monthly preferable before each SEAC meeting to include any items you would like to be discussed on the agenda, or questions you may have. There is also a place to include a short agency update for Liz to include on the meeting minutes for each month.

The form can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/Qt7npUogTggHEgmT7>

Alexandria Attrie our SEAC rep from Autism Ontario has self-nominated to represent SEAC and NCPIC as she currently holds a spot on both these important committees. For this reason, I would like to make a motion: That the NC SEAC support Alexandria Attrie as its representative on NCPIC for the 2023 calendar year.

I am grateful for the expertise each of you bring to this table and I am looking forward to a productive year ahead!

3. SEAC Sub-Committee Overview (Monique)

- a. Communications
- b. Survey
- c. Ministry Reports
- d. Policy

D. AGENCY REPORTS

Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region – Emily

Niagara Children’s Centre –Michelle

Pathstone Mental Health – Tara

Down Syndrome Niagara – Pina

Autism Ontario Niagara Region – Alexandria

Mainstream – Lorraine

Community Living (Port Colborne/Wainfleet) - Sara

E. STAFF REPORTS

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL – Adele

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL - Susy

STUDENT SUPPORT DEPARTMENT – Gino/Danny/Jim/Anthony

F. TRUSTEE REPORTS - Trustee Doug Joyner/Trustee Jim Marino

G. STUDENT REPORT

STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE – Mackenzie

H. NCPIC REPORT

I. NOTICES OF MOTION

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

K. MOMENT OF SILENCE / REFLECTION OF LIFE

L. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm

M. ADJOURNMENT