

The Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

## PRESENT

Trustees/Members	Clare Paterson, Kathleen Tanguay, Tiffany Thickson
Guests	Leslie Cuddy
Absent/Regards	Shawna Belcourt, Della Stewart-Figueira, Bart Scollard, Kylee Baker
Administration	Jonathan Di Ianni, Karen Spenceley
Recorder	Ashleigh Faulkner

### 1. **Call to Order**

- a) Land Acknowledgement - Tiffany Thickson
- b) Opening Prayer - Kylee Baker
- c) Approval of Agenda  
MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay seconded by Tiffany Thickson that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting agenda of June 13, 2024 be approved with the addition of the WindReach Farms presentation.  
Carried
- d) Declarations of Conflicts of Interest  
There were none.
- e) Excusal from Attendance  
Shawna Belcourt, Kylee Baker
- f) Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2024  
MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay seconded by Tiffany Thickson that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting Minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting be approved as presented.  
Carried

- g) Business Arising from the Minutes  
There was none.

## 2. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

- a) Remarks: Chairperson, Clare Paterson  
Clare welcomed everyone to the Committee.'
- b) Remarks: Superintendent Jonathan Di Ianni  
Thanked the committee for all their work this year. Finalized Catholic Board improvement plan. Receiving input on our Special Education Plan. Ongoing planning for our summer programs
- c) Update from Trustee: Kathleen Tanguay  
Given information regarding the GSN's. The Superintendent of Finance is here to provide more information on how this will affect Special Education. EA support will remain the same for this coming year.
- d) Budget - Superintendent of Finance, Sean Heuchert  
Streamlining of funding and funding allotments have been renamed. The core Education funding includes Special Education as one of the 6 funds. Most revenue is based on enrollment.
- e) Special Education Plan feedback - Jonathan Di Ianni  
The department is in the process of updating. He asked that the Committee share any thoughts by the end of the week of June 21, 2024. Once the final copy is complete, he will email this to the SEAC committee members.
- f) WindReach Farms - Leslie Cuddy  
Therapeutic horseback riding on a fully accessible farm. Leslie reviewed the program benefits and opportunities for improvement. Students are able to participate in basic grooming, identify equipment and points of the horse, learning barn chores as well as getting some riding time.

From the presentations:

- I. What are the key learnings from the presentation?
- II. What do parents need to know?
- III. What options exist to get this information to parents?
- IV. How can SEAC support parents in this process?
- V. What can your associations/organizations add specifically to the learning today if any?

VI. What should be sent out to families in the DID YOU KNOW from SEAC?

**3. Information Items: (If there is any action/discussion that should be recorded)**

- a) PVNCCDSB Board of Trustee Minutes and Agendas  
<https://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/our-board/board-meetings/>
- b) SES A guide for Parents/Guidelines
- c) Organizational Updates  
None

**4. Old Business:**

none

**5. New Business:**

- a) Tentative Meeting topics for 2024-2025 Special Education Advisory Committee:  
Committee members will send topic ideas to Ashleigh Faulkner by email and a list will be generated.

Date	Topic
September 26, 2024	
October 17, 2024	
November 21, 2024	
December 12, 2024	
January 23, 2025	
February 20, 2025	
March 20, 2025	
April 17, 2025	
May 22, 2025	

**6. Next Meeting:**

- a) Thursday, September 26, 2024 1 p.m. - Boardroom
- b) Selection of Members.
  - I. Territorial Recognition - Clare Paterson
  - II. Opening Prayer - Karen Spenceley
  - III. Closing Prayer - Jonathan Di Ianni

**7. Conclusion:**

a) Closing Prayer: Jonathan Di Ianni

b) Motion for Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay seconded by Tiffany Thicksen that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of June 13, 2024 be adjourned at 2:43p.m.

Carried