



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3R 2X6

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, October 15, 2024 – 1:00pm Catholic Education Centre and Microsoft Teams

- Members:** Dennis Blake (Trustee), Mischa Dinsmore (Lansdowne Children's Centre), Michelle Drake (Crossing All Bridges), Lauren Freeborn (Contact Brant), Shannon Korber (Child and Family Services of Grand Erie), Patti Mitchell (Parent, County of Brant), Lauren Moulton (Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services), Phil Wilson (Superintendent of Education), Nil Woodcroft (Haldimand Norfolk REACH),
- Regrets:** Laura Bergeron (ad hoc), Brandi Bertling (Child and Family Services of Grand Erie), Tara Buchanan (Community Living Brant), Marilyn Noi (Autism Ontario), Janelle Sandy (Indigenous Child and Youth Team at Child and Family Services of Grand Erie)
- Resources:** Sandra DeDominicis (Student Achievement Lead: Special Education), Kerri Lomax (Principal, Elementary), Jennifer Rudyk (Principal, Elementary)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Superintendent Wilson welcomed the committee.

2. Opening Prayer

Sandra De Dominicis shared an opening prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Superintendent Wilson read the board's land acknowledgement.

4. Introductions

Superintendent Wilson welcomed all committee members, and all members introduced themselves to the committee.

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Nil Woodcroft

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the agenda of the October 15, 2024, meeting.

Carried

6. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Shannon Korber

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the September 17, 2024, meeting.

Carried

7. SEAC Terms of Chair and Election of a Vice-Chair

Superintendent Wilson reviewed the Terms of Reference of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

Lauren Moulton was elected as the Vice-Chair of SEAC.

8. Correspondence

Nil

9. Community Agency Updates

Lauren Moulton

Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services has finished the accreditation process. The Annual General Meeting was held Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Mischa Dinsmore

Lansdowne Children's Services website has been updated with an events calendar.

Rock to Heroes Walk and Roll was held Saturday, October 5, 2024.

Nil Woodcroft

Haldimand Norfolk REACH finished the Accreditation process and are awaiting the final report.

Patti Mitchell

The planning for the Special Olympics is underway. Volunteers will be needed.

Kerri Lomax and Jennifer Rudyk

At the BHNCDsB schools, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) have been completed. Currently, IEP team meetings are being scheduled with the Principal, Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) and the teacher.

Progress reports go home November 4, 2024.

Shannon Korber

Child and Family Services of Grand Erie is partnering with SOAR Community Services and is converting an existing building to a five-bedroom youth facility and will be operational by April 2025.

The transportation funding will be offered again this year for the school boards for any children involved with Child and Family Services of Grand Erie.

10. Student Achievement Lead and Superintendent of Education

Superintendent Wilson asked for feedback from the SEAC members regarding the Special Education section of the BHNCDsB website.

A Community of Practice meeting was held on September 20, 2024

A new SERT training session was held on September 23, 2024.

BHNCDsB has been involved with Special Education Regional Coordinator/Consultant Council (SERCC) planning with four other school boards in regards to the science of math, recent research on metacognition, ministry updates and human rights and equity.

Sixteen new SERTs participated in Empower Training with SickKids hospital.

Superintendent Wilson and Sandra DeDominicis lead the first NTIP session for new educators on September 25, 2024.

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) training, formally CCAT, was held for all Grade 4 teachers. The testing will take place between October 16 – 30, 2024 in all schools.

A document on "Programming for Students with Complex Special Education and Other Significant Needs" was created.

Bartimaeus support is continuing in the BHNCDsB school.

BHNCDSB increased our Educational Assistant complement in schools.

An Educational Assistant allocation document has been created.

11. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Phil Wilson thanked everyone. The meeting adjourned at 2:14pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.
