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**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – 1:00pm  
Catholic Education Centre and Microsoft Teams**

**Members:** Dennis Blake (Trustee), Melanie Caldwell (Contact Brant), Shannon Korber (Child and Family Services of Grand Erie), Lauren Moulton (Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services), Tammy West (Haldimand Norfolk REACH)

**Regrets:** Ashlee Anderson (Indigenous: Child and Family Services of Grand Erie), Michelle Drake (Crossing All Bridges), Simon Jennions (Community Living Brant), Judy McCaffrey (Lansdowne Children's Centre), Kerri Lomax (Principal, Elementary), Patti Mitchell (Parent, County of Brant), Marilyn Noi (Autism Ontario)

**Resources:** Sandra DeDominicis (Vice-Principal of Inclusive and Special Education), Jennifer Rudyk (Principal, Elementary), Phil Wilson (Superintendent of Education)

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**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Lauren Moulton welcomed the committee.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

Superintendent Wilson read the board's land acknowledgement.

**3. Opening Prayer**

Sandra DeDominicis shared an opening prayer.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Shannon Korber

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the agenda of the October 21, 2025, meeting.

**Carried**

**5. Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by: Tammy West

Seconded by: Shannon Korber

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the September 16, 2025, meeting.

**Carried**

**6. Correspondence**

The SEAC committee received correspondence from Shadow Ministers, Chandra Pasma and Alexa Gilmour, expressing concern regarding Bill 33 and its potential impact on governance and

supports for students with special education needs. The letter highlights the importance of maintaining local decision-making authority and ensuring adequate funding to meet the needs of students with exceptionalities. The correspondence encourages SEAC members to advocate for the withdrawal of Bill 33 and the restoration of education funding to support equitable access for all learners.

It was discussed that individual members, who are not members of the board can consider sending a letter together. A decision will be made by the end of the week whether a response will be prepared.

## **7. Community Agency Updates**

### **Shannon Korber**

Child and Family Services updated that they are in the process of moving and will be in the new location on Henry Street on November 9, 2025.

### **Lauren Moulton**

Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services updated that they held their 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Ancaster Fairgrounds, and it was well attended. Also, the upcoming holiday party will be held in December.

### **Jennifer Rudyk**

Principals updated that in the schools, Grade 4 CogAT testing is underway and Individual Education Plan's (IEP's) went home. There is Catholic School Advisory Council meeting on October 21, 2025, at the Catholic Education Centre.

## **8. Student Achievement Lead and Superintendent of Education**

The Special Education Department has had a strong start to the 2025–26 school year, with a number of initiatives and professional learning opportunities underway:

- The department hosted its first Parent Engagement Night on October 1, 2025, with strong participation and positive feedback. Seventy-eight percent of attendees were families of students in Grade 7 and above, while twenty-two percent were from Grade 4 and under. There was representation from all three counties, and thirteen community agencies participated in the event.
- Training for new Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs) has been completed, covering topics such as IEP expectations, structured learning, safety plans, OnSIS and PowerSchool, Hawaii Early Learning Profile (HELP), and Special Equipment Amount (SEA) processes. In addition, Empower Reading training was provided for new SERTs.
- The first Community of Practice meeting took place on September 25, 2025, featuring Dr. Jim Little's presentation on Understanding Psychological Assessment, and a presentation from Lansdowne Children's Centre on Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Speech-Language Pathologist (S-LP) supports. Other topics included the Individual Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) process, IEP guidelines, progress reporting, nursing supports, SERT mentorship, CogAT, Applied Behaviour Analysis, and S-LP services.
- Educational Assistant (EA) allocation for the school year has been finalized, with 3.5 additional EAs added across the system to support student needs.
- The department recently completed several system-level IPRCs for the Primary Learning Strategies Class, Assumption College School (ACS), and St. John's College special classes. Additionally, ACS hosted an opening liturgy to welcome new students and staff to the self-contained programs.

## **9. Closing Remarks/Adjournment**

Lauren Moulton thanked everyone. The meeting adjourned at 1:43p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.