



**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – 1:00 pm
Catholic Education Centre and Microsoft Teams**

Members: Dennis Blake (Trustee), Melanie Caldwell (Contact Brant), Lauren Moulton (Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services), Tammy West (Haldimand Norfolk REACH), Patti Mitchell (Parent, County of Brant), Michelle Drake (Crossing All Bridges)

Regrets: Ashlee Anderson (Indigenous: Child and Family Services of Grand Erie), Simon Jennions (Community Living Brant), Shannon Korber (Child and Family Services of Grand Erie), Kerri Lomax (Principal, Elementary), Judy McCaffrey (Lansdowne Children's Centre), Marilyn Noi (Autism Ontario), Jennifer Rudyk (Principal, Elementary)

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

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: Patti Mitchell

Seconded by: Melanie Caldwell

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the agenda of the December 16, 2025, meeting.

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Tammy West

Seconded by: Melanie Caldwell

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the November 18, 2025, meeting.

Carried

6. Correspondence

Nil

7. Community Agency Updates

Lauren Moulton

Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services updated that Assumption College students have been very helpful in volunteering for Christmas giftwrapping.

Melanie Caldwell

Contact Brant updated that they will be holding their Christmas dinner and board meeting tonight, December 16, 2025.

Tammy West

Haldimand Norfolk REACH updated that they are hosting their annual dinner and board meeting and are supporting families to ensure they have needed resources heading into the holiday season.

8. Vice-Principal of Inclusive and Special Education and Superintendent of Education

The Special Education Department updated:

- All CogAT results have been uploaded to the district academic warehouse, and parents of Grade 4 students are currently receiving results.
- NVCI training was delivered to select principals on November 26, 2025 with additional sessions planned for January.
- Readtopia professional development for secondary and the Spectrum Abilities Program (SAP) staff continued with sessions held on December 1st and 10th, 2025.
- Planning for new SAP classes is underway in collaboration with Superintendent Wilson and the Applied Behaviour Analysis Program Leads.
- The Christmas Community of Practice meeting was held and included training on Lexia data, understanding psychological assessments and exceptionalities, literacy best practices in special education, and an overview of secondary special class eligibility.
- The Ministry of Education released EQAO results; Special Education data excludes gifted students. The greatest area of need identified is Grade 6 mathematics achievement among Special Education students.

9. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Lauren Moulton thanked everyone. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.