



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Durham Catholic District School Board

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Catholic Education Centre, 650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa North & South Boardrooms

Agenda

1. Opening

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Memorials and Prayers

1.3. Land Acknowledgement

1.4. Roll Call and Apologies

1.5. Approval of the Agenda

1.6. Approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2024 meeting

1.7. Declarations of Interest

2. Items for Information/Decision

2.1. Announcements

2.1.1. Introduction/Welcome – Trustees appointed to SEAC (2025 Committee Membership)

2.1.2. Durham Down Syndrome Association Change in Representation

2.2. Election for Chair of Special Education Advisory Committee

2.2.1. Election for the Position of Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee – Mike O’Neill

2.2.2. Comments from Candidates

2.2.3. Motion to Close Nominations

2.2.4. Motion to Destroy Ballots

2.2.5. Acceptance Speech by the Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee



2.3. Election for Vice Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee

2.3.1. Election for the Position of Vice Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee – Chair

2.3.2. Comments from Candidates

2.3.3. Motion to Close Nominations

2.3.4. Motion to Destroy Ballots

2.3.5. Acceptance Speech by the Vice Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee

2.4. Presentations

2.4.1. Participation House – Mariam Maskell

2.5. Discussion Items

2.5.1. Review SEAC Terms of Reference – taking stock to ensure all members have access to the document

2.6. Business arising from previous meeting

2.6.1. Committee members agreed to support the concerns in the letter from Limestone by drafting a letter of support on the importance of Special Education training as a core component for all teacher preparation programs in Ontario.

2.7. Staff Reports

2.7.1. Student Services Report - Christine Congrady, Yulan Fisher-Brown, Mike O'Neill for Paula Sorhaitz

2.8. Association Reports

2.9. Correspondence

2.9.1. Letter received from SEAC Ottawa Catholic School Board to Ministry of Education seeking more funding and would like to add the names of all SEAC chairs in Ontario to the signature page

3. Other Business

3.1. Board Communications

3.2. Motion to Adjourn

3.2.1. The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

3.3. Closing Prayer (Donna Callaghan)