CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting (SEAC)

Hybrid Model – Wednesday, October 28, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson:	Donna Nielsen, SEAC Chair, CDSBEO Trustee
Trustee(s):	Karen McAllister, Trustee Representative Sue Wilson, Trustee, Alternate
Members Present:	Tracy Mertz, SEAC Vice-Chair, Rural FASD Tom Jordan, Family and Children's Services of LLG Carrie Onstein, Career Services of Brockville Ryan Billing, Career Services of Brockville, Alternate Susie Trotter, Child & Youth Mental Health Services, Cornwall Community Hospital Kaitlyn Bissonnette, CAS SD&G
Members Absent:	Amy Malyon, Beyond 21 Jayne Stoddart, Rural FASD, Alternate Angela Carson, Beyond 21, Alternate Cathie Knapp-Fisher, Family and Children's Services of LLG, Alternate
Board Administration:	Brent Bovaird, Superintendent of School Effectiveness Angela McNamee, Principal of Special Education Sarah Price, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Bovaird

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call**
   The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

2. **Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer**

3. **Approval of Agenda**
   Motion
   To approve the agenda as presented
   Moved by: Tom Jordan ***Carried***

4. **Receiving of approved minutes from Wednesday, September 23rd**
   The minutes from our September 23rd meeting were electronically approved by committee members on September 30th. SEAC minutes are available for the public to view on the CDSBEO website.

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5. **New Special Education Digital Platform – *Corey Kalsi, CDSBEO Special Education Technology Coordinator***

   Corey provided SEAC with an overview of the transition to **CLEVR**, highlighting the work undertaken to implement the platform and support staff through the transition. The presentation outlined collaborative efforts across departments, as well as opportunities for CLEVR to streamline processes and support more efficient practices for staff.

6. **Equity Framework – *Jordan Prophet, CDSBEO Equity Consultant & Lisa Cameron, Principal of Safe Schools & Equity and Inclusion***

   Jordan and Lisa presented an overview of CDSBEO's **Called to Belong: An Equity Framework**, which provides a shared foundation for advancing equity, inclusion and belonging across CDSBEO. The framework emphasizes shared responsibility, common language, the identification and removal of systemic barriers, and the importance of ensuring that students, staff and families feel seen, valued and supported. The three-year framework moves from building shared understanding, to embedding equity into everyday practice, and ultimately strengthening foundation for deeper implementation, school level practice, workplace culture and student-facing change across the system.

7. **Association Updates**

   No association reports were received for October.

8. **Special Education Department Update – *Angie McNamee, Principal of Special Education***

   The Special Education Department provided an update on current supports and initiatives across the Board. Psychology and Speech-Language Pathology teams continue to review referrals and coordinate assessment needs, while the ABA team is providing Tier 2 and Tier 3 behavioural supports in collaboration with school staff.

   Special Education Consultants continue to support schools with CLEVR implementation and professional learning, with IEPs distributed to families on October 15 and IPRC meetings underway for students in specialized classroom placements.

   Professional development opportunities for October included a presentation by Dr. Greg Wells, Behaviour Management Systems training as well as Mental Health SafeTALK parent workshops offered across four secondary school locations in October and future sessions for November.

9. **New Business**
   a. **Special Education Advisory Committee – Police Record Check Requirement**
   b. **Nomination Intent for next SEAC term (November 2026-2030)**
   c. **Nominiation – Ontario Parents of Visually Impaired Children**

   Motion

   To approve Suzy Royle's nomination as representative for Ontario Parents of Visually Impaired

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Children with Jason Russell as her alternate.
Moved by: Tom Jordan ***Carried***

10. **Correspondence Received**
    No correspondence were received.

11. **Motion to Excuse Regrets Received**
    Absent without notification:
    Amy Malyon, Representative for Beyond 21

    Motion
    To approve the absence(s) as notified.
    Moved by: Tracy Mertz ***Carried***

12. **Next SEAC Meeting – Wednesday, November 25th at 4:30pm**

13. **Closing Prayer**

14. **Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
    That the meeting be adjourned at 5:36pm

    Moved by: Karen McAllister ***Carried***

Topics for Presentations 2026-2027

- Wednesday, September 23, 2026: ***Transition Planning***
- Wednesday, October 28, 2026: ***New Special Education Digital Platform ; Equity Framework***
- Wednesday, November 25, 2026: ***Elementary School Special Olympics ; Celebrating Neurodiversity***
- Wednesday, January 27, 2027: ***School Climate Survey***
- Wednesday, February 24, 2027: ***Technology in the Classroom***
- Wednesday, March 31, 2027: ***Speech Language Service Delivery Model***
- Wednesday, April 21, 2027: ***Multiple Exceptionality Program Overview***
- Wednesday, May 19, 2027: ***Mini Course Program Experience***
- Wednesday, June 9, 2027 (date subject to change): ***Mental Health and Wellness ; 2026-2027 CDSBEO Special Education Funding Expenditures***