

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 5, 2024, at 5:00pm

Special In-Person Event:
Grace for All: Celebrating the Sacraments with Those with Special Needs
St. Anthony Daniel Parish
29 Midland Dr, Kitchener, ON N2A 2A9

WCDSB Mission Statement

*As disciples of Christ,
we educate and nurture hope
in all learners
to realize their full potential
to transform God's world.*

Co-chairs: Cindy Benedetti and Laura Shoemaker

MEMBERS

WCDSB Trustee - **Bob Sikora**
WCDSB Trustee - **Conrad Stanley**
Waterloo Regional Down Syndrome Society - **Kim Murphy**
Waterloo Regional Police - **Amanda Hennig**
Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region - **Cindy Benedetti**
Waterloo Region Family Network - **Karen Applebee**
Centre for ADHD Awareness - **Daina Colbourne**
International Dyslexia Association Ontario - **Laura Shoemaker**
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SEAC Committee Meeting Agenda

Date& Time:	February 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
Location	In-Person: St. Anthony Daniel Parish Hall
Next Meeting:	March 5, 2025, @ 6:00 pm
Committee Members: Kim Murphy, Amanda Hennig, Cindy Benedetti, Karen Applebee, Daina Colbourne, Laura Shoemaker, Jeanne Gravelle, Monica Wenzlaff, Bob Sikora, Conrad Stanley	
Administrative Officials: Gerald Foran, Erin Lemak	

1. Opening Prayer Welcome	Erin Lemak
2. Approval of Agenda Motion by: Seconded:	
3. Declared Pecuniary Interest	
4. Approval of the December minutes: Motion by: Seconded:	
5. School System Operational Business N/A	
6. Ministry Updates (10 min) 6.1. MACSE – feedback required	G. Foran
7. SEAC Committee Functions 7.1. Grace for All: Celebrating the sacraments with those with special needs	Presentation from 6-7 pm
8. Policy Advice to the Board	
9. Updates	
10. Pending Items	
11. Adjournment Motion by: Seconded:	
12. Action Items Place Holder	



SEAC Committee Meeting Minutes

Date& Time:	January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Location (Hybrid)	In-Person: St. Francis Room (2 nd Floor), Catholic Education Centre Online: Via Teams : Join the meeting now
Next Meeting:	February 5, 2025, @ 6:00 pm
Committee Members: Kim Murphy, Amanda Hennig, Cindy Benedetti, Karen Applebee, Daina Colbourne, Laura Shoemaker, Jeanne Gravelle, Monica Wenzlaff, Bob Sikora, Conrad Stanley	
Administrative Officials: Gerald Foran, Erin Lemak Regrets: Daina Colbourne	

1. Opening Prayer Welcome	Erin Lemak
2. Approval of Agenda Motion by: Laura Shoemaker Seconded: Karen Applebee	
3. Declared Pecuniary Interest N/A	
4. Approval of the December minutes: Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle Seconded: Laura Shoemaker	
5. School System Operational Business 5.1. Math Achievement Action Plan Update Math Achievement Action Plan 2024-25	P. LeDuc Board Math Lead
6. Ministry Updates (10 min) 6.1. Limestone District School Board SEAC letter to the Ontario College of Teachers regarding special education training. ➤ Committee to review the idea of sending the similar letter to Ontario College of Teachers at the next meeting. 6.2. WCDSB Communication Guidelines (APC001)	G. Foran
7. SEAC Committee Functions 7.1. Grace for All: Celebrating the sacraments with those with special needs – Updates	E. Lemak
8. Policy Advice to the Board N/A	
8. Updates 9.1. Trustee Updates ➤ Chair Sikora updated SEAC on December events 9.2. Autism Updates ➤ March Break Reimbursement Fund	



<p>9.3. WRFN Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Temporarily pausing Kaleidoscope Kids. Kaleidoscope Kids is a drop-in program for children under 8 years of age with special needs and their parent or caring adult. It's a partnership among WRFN, KidsAbility and EarlyON. Program did not engage much attendance over the past year, so pausing the program with the intent of restarting in March. A survey has been shared out to families to provide feedback regarding timing, location, interest, etc. of the program. Hoping to come back with a program that better meets the evolving needs of the families we support.➤ WRFN School Navigation Workshop Series – Making Your IEP Work – Jan 22 from 6:30 – 8 pm at The Family Centre. Brief overview of IEPs along with an activity session sharing examples of IEPs. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to submit questions in advance so that they can be answered during the workshop. Registration through info@wrfn.info – FLYER. <p>9.4. IDA Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ IDA Ontario Conference April 25-27, 2025 <p>9.5. WWDSS Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ WWDSS continues to offer New Parent Connection, Speech & Music Social Groups, Teen & Adult Hangouts.	
<p>10. Pending Items N/A</p>	
<p>11. Adjournment Motion by: Laura Shoemaker Seconded: Monica Wenzlaff</p>	
<p>12. Action Items Place Holder N/A</p>	