

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:00pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In-Person: St. Francis Room (2nd Floor) Catholic Education Centre

Online: [Join the meeting](#)

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**

Autism Ontario - **Monica Wenzlaff**

Member at Large - **Jeanne Gravelle**



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SEAC Committee Meeting Agenda

Date& Time:	June 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Location (Hybrid)	In-Person: St. Francis Room (2 nd Floor), Catholic Education Centre Online: Via Teams : Join the meeting
Next Meeting:	September 3, 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 May minutes: Motion by: Seconded:	
5. School System Operational Business 5.1. 2025-26 Special Education Budget Review	R. King Manager of Budget and Financial Reporting
6. Ministry Updates (10 min)	
7. SEAC Committee Functions: 7.1. Next Year's Topics - members to complete the survey to show their preference SURVEY LINK	All Members
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:	May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Location (Hybrid)	In-Person: St. Francis Room (2 nd Floor), Catholic Education Centre Online: Via Teams : Join the meeting
Next Meeting:	June 3, 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: Kim Murphy, Karen Applebee	

1. Opening Prayer Welcome	Erin Lemak
2. Approval of Agenda Motion by: Laura Shoemaker Seconded: Monica Wenzlaff	
3. Declared Pecuniary Interest N/A	
4. Approval of the April minutes: Motion by: Monica Wenzlaff Seconded: Jeanne Gravelle	
5. School System Operational Business 5.1. Community Transitions ➤ Special Education Transition Navigator Position - the role ○ Providing resources ○ Transition into, during, and out of elementary school ➤ Community Transitions Support Worker - the role ○ Transitions during high school and into adulthood ○ Providing resources about programs and funding opportunities ○ Multiple programs for high school students Q&A	E. Sutherland Special Education Transitions Navigator F. Kruz Community Transitions Support Worker
6. Ministry Updates (10 min) 6.1. Open Letter to SEACs Across Ontario from Learning Disabilities Association (LDAO) of Ontario 6.2. LDAO SEAC Circular 6.3. LDAO SEAC Circular February 2025	G. Foran



<p>6.4. Policy Statement on Education Inclusion for Students with Learning Disabilities</p> <p>6.5. Webinar Transcript: SEAC Motions: A Guide for Effective Systematic Advocacy</p>	
<p>7. SEAC Committee Functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Members to read pages 47-50 of the PAAC on SEAC handbook to prepare for the upcoming 25/26 budget estimates presentation.	
<p>8. Policy Advice to the Board</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>9. Updates</p> <p>9.1. Trustee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Trustee Secora shared April Trustee updates as well as the update from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association meeting. SEAC Update from OCSTA <p>9.2. WRPS Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ May 29th is the Law Enforcement Torch run to support special Olympics. Officers will be running alongside community members with disabilities to raise money and awareness for supporting children, youth and adults with intellectual disability. <p>9.3. WWDSS Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Hosted AGM on May 3rd➤ Annual Upside-Down Golf Tournament at Rebel Creek Golf Course on June 16th➤ Still some spaces open for the Summer School Camp in August➤ Save the date for Sept 28th Anything You Can Do Fundraiser <p>9.4. WRFN Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Evening of Elegance event was a huge success with over 100 guests attending to celebrate our 10th Evening of Elegance event and 15 years of WRFN supporting families and individuals in our community. It was a wonderful night of celebration and gratitude at Federation Hall, University of Waterloo. We also honoured two amazing longtime Parent Mentor Volunteers with the Matthew MacGregor Award for Volunteerism for their commitment and dedication to supporting parents/caregivers on their journeys.➤ School Navigation workshop – Modified Days and Safety Plans – May 21 from 6:30 – 8 pm at the Family Centre in Kitchener <p>☀️ Join Us for a Modified Days and Safety Plans School Navigation Workshop! ☀️</p>	



<p>📅 Wednesday, May 21 🕒 6:30-8:00pm 📍 The Family Centre: https://maps.app.goo.gl/tP1LQ7nMHuU3L6U96 Are you a parent or caregiver of a child on a modified day and/or a safety plan? Or perhaps the school has suggested this, and you aren't sure where to go from here? This workshop is designed just for you! What You'll Learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Modified Day Overview:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategies for before, during, and after school• Policy review and essential parent/caregiver rights◆ Safety Plan Breakdown:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding your safety plan• Bring your current safety plan for discussion <p>➤ The free art exhibit is happening on Friday, May 23rd. It's a celebration of the art pieces and artists from our A Canvas for Connection art workshops held throughout February, March and April in partnership with Stepping Stones Expressive Arts.</p> <p>A Canvas for Connection Flyer</p> <p>9.5. ADHD Updates ➤ May Newsletter</p> <p>9.6. Board Updates ➤ Special Olympics Track & Field Event coming up on June 2, 2025, at Resurrection CSS</p>	
<p>10. Pending Items N/A</p>	
<p>11. Adjournment</p> <p>Motion by: Monica Wenzlaff Seconded: Jeanne Gravelle</p>	
<p>12. Action Items Place Holder N/A</p>	