

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Teams Meeting: [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**

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:	October 7, 2026@ 6:00 pm
Location (Hybrid)	In-Person: St. Francis Room (2 nd Floor), Catholic Education Centre Online: Via Teams: Join the meeting
Next Meeting:	November 4, 2026@ 6:00 pm
Committee Members: Kim Murphy, Amanda Hennig, Cindy Benedetti, Karen Applebee, Laura Shoemaker, Jeanne Gravelle, Monica Wenzlaff, Bob Sikora, Conrad Stanley	
Administrative Officials: Angela McHardy, Erin Lemak	

1. Opening Prayer Welcome	Erin Lemak
2. Approval of Agenda Motion by: Seconded:	
3. Declared Pecuniary Interest	
4. Approval of the September minutes: Motion by: Seconded:	
School System Operational Business: 5.1. Kidsability	Sarah Witmer
6. Ministry Updates (10 min) 6.1. Student Support office 6.2. Police checks	McHardy
7. SEAC Committee Functions: 7.1. Terms and Conditions - Website	L. Shoemaker
8. Policy Advice to the Board	
9. Updates	
10. Pending Items	
11. Adjournment Motion by:	



Seconded:	
12. Action Items Place Holder	

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7. SEAC Committee Functions: 7.1. 26/27 SEAC Topics Members were asked to submit topic ideas via email and consult with their respective organizations to identify and suggest topics of value for future SEAC discussions. A form will be created to capture both previously discussed topics and new suggestions and will be shared with the committee for input and review. 7.2. SEAC Terms of Reference Laura reviewed the document and highlighted its key details for the committee. The committee will be asked at the December meeting to indicate their interest in continuing their membership on the committee.	A. McHardy L. Shoemaker
8. Policy Advice to the Board N/A	
9. Updates 9.1. WRFN Updates PDA support group met through the summer and will be meeting again in person on Sept 10. Camp Day registration filled very quickly, and we are excited to welcome 32 families to Camp KI-Wa-Y on September 27. Details are being finalized for the School Navigation Workshop series. Once finalized, a flyer will be shared 9.2. Autism Updates Autism Ontario - September 2026 Update	
10. Pending Items Submit the Special Education Plan checklist with the edit in section 19 – add the SEAC recommendation	
10. Adjournment Motion by: Bob Sikora Seconded: Jeanne Gravelle	
12. Action Items Place Holder N/A	