

**AGENDA**  
**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

- 1. Memorials and Prayer.**
- 2. Roll Call and Apologies.**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda.**
- 4. Declarations of Interest.**
- 5. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 15, 2009.  
p.1-p.4.**
- 6. Delegations:**
  - a) Anthony Bellissimo, representing Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers, regarding Cuts to Special Education. **p.5.**
- 7. Presentations:**

8. **Unfinished Business:**
  
9. **Notices of Matter and Trustee Matters: (for which ninety-six hours notice has been given)**
  
10. **Communications:**
  
11. **Matters Referred/Deferred to the Committee by the Board and Other Committees.**
  
12. **Reports of Officials and Special and Permanent Committees Requiring Action.**
  
13. **Reports of Officials and Special and Permanent Committees for Information:**
  - a) **Learning Disabilities: A Program Review Framework for K-8. (to be distributed at the meeting).**
  - b) **Assessment and Identification of Learning Disabilities. (to be distributed at the meeting).**
  - c) **Special Education Assessment Services (WISC). (to be distributed at the meeting).**
  
14. **Inquiries and Miscellaneous:**

15. **Association Reports:**

16. **Update from Trustees on resolutions recommended to the Board by the Committee:**

17. **Update of Pending List**

<b>DATE REQUESTED</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
June/07	Update on student transition from secondary to post-secondary and how many students were enrolled in special courses.	Deferred until further notice.

18. **Adjournment.**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

PRESENT:

Dario Imbrogno, Chair  
Judith Andrenacci  
Don Cameron  
Marilyn Taylor  
Ara Zoviguian

Trustee: Ann Andrachuk  
Angela Kennedy

Angela Gauthier  
S. Pessione  
Frank Piddisi  
Gary Poole  
Vidiya Rego  
Susan Menary  
Maria Kokai  
Odilia Pariselli  
Lea Cardinalli  
Barbara Komorowski  
Michael Colella  
A. Sablinskas  
S. DiNallo

Lalita Fernandes, Recording Secretary

Apologies were received from John Lentz, Ashleigh Molloy, Virginia Pearce and Trustee Crawford who were unable to attend the meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED by Marilyn Taylor that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, March 24, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

Anthony Bellissimo, representing the Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers, addressed the Committee regarding Special Education cuts.

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, that the presentation by Anthony Bellissimo, representing the Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers, regarding Special Education cuts be received.

CARRIED

John Willson, CEO Variety Village, made a presentation to the Committee regarding program update and changes.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, in connection with the presentation by John Willson, CEO Variety Village, regarding program update and changes

1. that the presentation be received
2. that the Committee recommends that discussions be held with Variety Village to talk about the possibility of a Community Partnership.

CARRIED

Staff were directed:

1. to make parents aware of the Variety Village programs for Special Needs students outside school hours.
2. to provide the Committee with the cost of bussing the students to Variety Village.
3. to provide the number of students impacted by the suspension of this program and their respective schools.

Frank Piddisi, Superintendent of Special Services, made a presentation to the Committee regarding Special Education Focussed Delivery Model.

Dario Imbrogno turned the Chair over to Trustee Andrachuk..

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, that the presentation by Frank Piddisi, Superintendent of Special Services, regarding Special Education Focussed Delivery Model be received.

CARRIED

The meeting continued with Dario Imbrogno in the Chair.

Staff were directed to provide the Committee

1. with the number of students not assessed.
2. the percentage of the teacher population qualified to teach Special Education
3. the percentage of students who are special needs.
4. the number of students who receive Special Education support
5. the number of students who are receiving an IEP.

MOVED by Ara Zoviguan, that the Information from Community Living Toronto regarding request for nominations for Awards for Inclusive Education be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Marilyn Taylor, that the Draft Response to Arrowsmith Parents regarding the review of Special Education Programs be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Judith Andrenacci, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR



# TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM

*Delegations are allowed to speak in accordance with policy T.14, Delegations. Be advised of the limitations in the policy. The total number of delegations is normally ten (10) at a Standing Committee.*

*Delegations registered before 11:00 a.m. on the Friday before the Standing Committee may be considered to speak for up to 5 minutes. Late registration must be received by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. It will be added as an addendum to the agenda. A late delegation will only be allowed to present if fewer than 10 delegations are to be heard or if the Committee Chair grants an extension. Inquiries should be directed to the Recording Secretary, Tel: (416) 222-8282 ext 2293; Fax: (416) 222-5353*

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Delegation Number:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Session
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Session
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five (5) Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three (3) Minutes

Name: Anthony Bellissimo

Date of Presentation: May 20, 2009 - SEAC

Topic or Issue CUTS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION

Your Point of View: (e.g. for or against the topic or issue; presenting a program, service, or product etc.) The Severe Cuts to Special Education Will Have A Negative Impact On the Students.

Check One Box

I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf.

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Advisory Committee.  
School \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

I am an official representative of student government.  
School \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization.  
Name of group Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers

The Board does not wish to prevent the expression of honest opinion, but requires that negative, critical or derogatory comments about identifiable persons be made in Private Session.

Check One Box

I ~~do not intend~~ to use the name/title/position of a person in a negative, critical or derogatory manner. (Public Session)

I ~~do intend~~ to use the name/title/position of a person in a negative, critical or derogatory manner. (Private Session)