

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda

Public Session

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

Judith Andrenacci
Community Living Toronto

Don Cameron
Community Representative

Rosanna Del Grosso
Association for Bright Children

Dario Imbrogno
Community Representative

John Lentz
Voice for Hearing Impaired

Asheligh Molloy
Down Syndrome Association

Virginia Pearce
Community Representative

Marilyn Taylor
Learning Disabilities Association

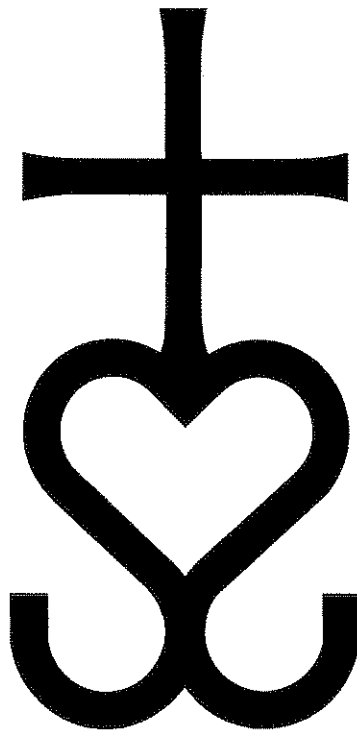
Ara Zoviguian
Autism Society of Ontario

Trustee Members

Ann Andrachuk

Paul Crawford

Angela Kennedy



Recording Secretary : Lalita Fernandes 416-222-8282 Extension 2293

In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions,
our Mission is to educate students to their full potential.

Ann Perron
Director of Education

Angela Kennedy
Chair

A G E N D A

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

Thursday, December 3, 2009

7:00 p.m.

- 1. Secretary calls the meeting to order.**
- 2. Memorials and Prayer.**
- 3. Roll Call and Apologies.**
- 4. Approval of the Agenda.**
- 5. Election of Chairman.**
- 6. Election of Vice-Chairman.**

7. **Declarations of Interest.**

8. **Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 4, 2009 and the Special Meeting held November 17, 2009. p.1-p.5**

9. **Delegations:**

10. **Presentations:**

11. **Notices of Matter and Trustee Matters: (for which ninety-six hours notice has been given)**

12. **Communications:**

13. **Unfinished Business.**

14. **Matters Referred/Deferred by/or this Committee by the Board and Other Committees.**
 - a) **Report regarding Nomination to Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – Cindy Beman (Deferred by the Committee at its meeting held November 4, 2009). p.6-p.14**

That Cindy Beman be appointed as the Montage Support Services representative to the Toronto Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee effective December 2009.

15. Reports of Officials and Special and Permanent Committees Requiring Action.

16. Reports of Officials and Special and Permanent Committees for Information:

17. Inquiries and Miscellaneous:

18. Association Reports:

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

20. Update of Pending List

<u>DATE</u> <u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DUE</u> <u>DATE</u>
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21. Adjournment will be followed by Christmas Mass and Dinner.

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

PUBLIC SESSION

PRESENT:

Dario Imbrogno, Acting Chair
Judith Andrenacci
Don Cameron
Rosanna Del Grosso
John Lentz
Virginia Pearce
Marilyn Taylor

Trustees: Ann Andrachuk

Sandra Pessione
Frank Piddisi
Vidya Rego

Lalita Fernandes, Recording Secretary

A memorial was expressed for Jack Quigley who passed away recently.

Apologies were received from Ashleigh Molloy, Ara Zoviguian and Trustees Kennedy and Crawford who were unable to attend the meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Don Cameron, that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Sandra Pessione, Associate Director of Business Services, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Vidya Rego, Comptroller of Business Services made a presentation regarding the 2010-2011 budget consultation.

MOVED by John Lentz, that the presentation by Sandra Pessione, Associate Director of Business Services, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Vidya Rego, Comptroller of Business Services regarding the 2010-2011 budget consultation be received.

CARRIED

Staff were directed to submit the following information on the:

1. number of students waiting to be screened and identified
2. number of students in each exceptionality
3. trend in referrals in each of the areas
4. total number of Special Education teachers
5. total number of EAs/CYWs

MOVED by Marilyn Taylor, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

PUBLIC SESSION

PRESENT:

Angela Kennedy, Acting Chair
Judith Andrenacci
Don Cameron
Rosanna Del Grosso
Ashleigh Molloy
Marilyn Taylor
Ara Zoviguian

Trustees: Ann Andrachuk – By Teleconference

Angela Gauthier
Frank Piddisi
Susan Menary
Maria Kokai
Odilia Pariselli
Lea Cardinalli
Michael Colella
Christiane Kyte
S. DiNallo
John Wilhelm
Angela Sablinskas
Jennifer Petrone

Lalita Fernandes, Recording Secretary

The Chair welcomed Teachers who are presently taking the part 2 and 3 Special Education course.

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

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Ara Zoviguan, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 14, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

Christiane Kyte, Acting Chief Speech and Language Services, regarding services provided by the speech and language services department.

MOVED by Marilyn Taylor, that the presentation by Christiane Kyte, Acting Chief Speech and Language Services, regarding services provided by the speech and language services department be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy that the Elyer regarding the Annual Christmas Party be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Judith Andrenacci, that the Catholic Interim Newspaper article submitted by Ashleigh Molloy be received.

CARRIED

MOVED by Rosanna Del Grosso, that item 12a) be adopted as follows:

- 12a) Report regarding Nomination to Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – Cindy Beman** that Cindy Beman be appointed as the Montage Support Services representative to the Toronto Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee effective December 2009.

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy, that the motion to appoint Cindy Beman as the Montage Support Services representative to the Toronto Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee be reconsidered.

On the vote being taken, the motion to reconsider was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, that the motion to appoint Cindy Beman as the Montage Support Services representative to the Toronto Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee be deferred until next month for further information on what the organization is, who the representative is and how long has she been involved with the organization.

CARRIED

Arising out of an inquiry from Rosanna Del Grosso regarding a response to the Association for Bright Children on gifted screening, staff were directed to come back with a report next month on the Gifted Program which is to include:

1. the number of students screened
2. the type of gifted program offered
3. the type of students identified.

Judith Andrenacci presented an Association Report to inform the Committee that Community Living Toronto are offering a game called SPINCLUSION that principals could make available for Education Week.

Ashleigh Molloy presented an Association Report regarding information available on the Down Syndrome Association of Toronto website. Teachers and parents looking for information could contact the office of DSAT.

MOVED by Marilyn Taylor, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR

TO: SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 4TH, 2009

MINISTRY SUPERVISOR (THE BOARD)
NOVEMBER 11TH, 2009

FROM: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

SUBJECT: **NOMINATION TO SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (SEAC) - CINDY BEMAN**

Origin:

Montage Support Services has submitted a letter for nomination to the Special Education Advisory Committee for Cindy Beman.

Executive Summary:

That Cindy Beman be appointed as a representative for the Montage Support Services to the Toronto Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee.

Comments:

1. The Ontario Regulation 464/97 made under the Education Act:

Every district school board shall establish a special education advisory committee that shall consist of,

- (a) subject to subsections (2) and (3), one representative from each of the local associations that operates locally within the area of jurisdiction of the board, as nominated by the local association and appointed by the board;
- (b) one alternate for each representative appointed under clause (a), as nominated by the local association and appointed by the board;
- (c) such number of members from among the board's own members as is determined under subsection (4), as appointed by the board;
- (d) For the purposes of clause (1) (f), the board may appoint one or more additional members who are neither representatives of a local association nor members of the board or another committee of the board.

Regulation 464/97 states:

“local association” means an association or organization of parents that operates locally within the area of jurisdiction of a board and that is affiliated with an association or organization that is not an association or organization of professional educators but that is incorporated and operates throughout Ontario to further the interests and well-being of one or more groups of exceptional children or adults.

A letter of nomination (Appendix A) has been received from Montage Support Services for Cindy Beman.

2. The above association and nominee comply with the criteria established by TCDSB Policy A. 23 Special Education Advisory Committee (Appendix B) and accordingly can be appointed to the Toronto Catholic District School Board’s Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the next three year term.

Recommendation:

That Cindy Beman be appointed as the Montage Support Services representative to the Toronto Catholic District School Board’s Special Education Advisory Committee effective December 2009.

F. Piddisi
Superintendent of Education, Special Services

A. Gauthier
Associate Director of Education
Academic Affairs

A. Sangiorgio
Associate Director, Planning and Facilities

S. Pessione
Associate Director of Business Service, Chief
Financial Officer and Treasurer

Ann Perron
Director of Education

APPENDIX "A"

OCT 22 2009



Ann Perron
Director of Education
Toronto Catholic District School Board
80 Sheppard Ave., E
Toronto, ON
M2N 6E8

October 15, 2009

Re: SEAC Membership

Dear Ms. Perron,

Please accept this letter as a recommendation for Cindy Beman to sit as a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Cindy is Catholic and is a separate school supporter. She lives in the Beach area of Toronto.

As the Assistant to CEO at Montage Support Services, Cindy is familiar with issues surrounding the support of young adults and adults with disabilities.

Montage Support Services provides residential and community support for adults with physical and developmental challenges. We support 63 adults in nine community homes and nine condominiums across the City of Toronto.

Cindy's participation in your group would provide input to you regarding the day to day challenges facing families and people with disabilities. Her support and knowledge of Catholic education will also be beneficial.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Morassutti
Chief Executive Officer

Cc Frank Piddisi

APPENDIX "A-I"

Aguanno, Charlotte (Officer, Special Services)

From: Vitale, Sandra (Voter Registration Dept)
Sent: October 22, 2009 8:04 PM
To: Aguanno, Charlotte (Officer, Special Services)
Subject: RE: SEAC

Hi Charlotte,

Cindy Beman is a separate school supporter at the address below.

Sandra

From: Aguanno, Charlotte (Officer, Special Services)
Sent: Thu 10/22/2009 11:22 AM
To: Vitale, Sandra (Voter Registration Dept)
Subject: FW: SEAC

Hello Sandra – please verify Cindy Beman is a separate school support.

Many thanks.

Charlotte Aguanno
TCDSB - Special Services Department
80 Sheppard Avenue East
Toronto, M2N 6E8
Phone - 416 222 8282 ext. 2486
Fax - 416 512-3442

-----Original Message-----

From: Cindy Beman [mailto:cbeman@montagesupport.ca]
Sent: October 22, 2009 11:19 AM
To: Aguanno, Charlotte (Officer, Special Services)
Subject: SEAC

Hi Charlotte,

Further to our telephone conversation this morning, I provide below my full address and phone number as requested.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Thanks

Cindy Beman
Assistant to CEO
Montage Support Services

Education Act

ONTARIO REGULATION 464/97

No Amendments

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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This is the English version of a bilingual regulation.

1. In this Regulation,

"local association" means an association or organization of parents that operates locally within the area of jurisdiction of a board and that is affiliated with an association or organization that is not an association or organization of professional educators but that is incorporated and operates throughout Ontario to further the interests and well-being of one or more groups of exceptional children or adults. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 1.

2. (1) Every district school board shall establish a special education advisory committee that shall consist of,

(a) subject to subsections (2) and (3), one representative from each of the local associations that operates locally within the area of jurisdiction of the board, as nominated by the local association and appointed by the board;

(b) one alternate for each representative appointed under clause (a), as nominated by the local association and appointed by the board;

(c) such number of members from among the board's own members as is determined under subsection (4), as appointed by the board;

(d) where the number of members appointed under clause (c) is less than three, one alternate, as appointed by the board from among its own members, for each member appointed under clause (c);

(e) one or two persons to represent the interests of Indian pupils, as provided by section 4; and

(f) one or more additional members appointed under subsection (5).

(2) The board shall not appoint more than 12 representatives under clause (1) (a).

(3) Where there are more than 12 local associations within the area of jurisdiction of the board, the board shall select the 12 local associations that shall be represented.

4. (b) The number to be appointed by the board under clause (1) (c) shall be the lesser of,

(a) three; and

(b) 25 per cent of the total number of members of the board, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(5) For the purposes of clause (1) (f), the board may appoint one or more additional members who are neither representatives of a local association nor members of the board or another committee of the board. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 2.

3. (1) Every school authority, other than a board established under section 68 of the Act, shall establish a special education advisory committee that shall consist of,

(a) two representatives from the local associations that operate locally within the area of jurisdiction of the board, as nominated by the local associations and appointed by the board;

(b) one alternate for each representative appointed under clause (a), as nominated by the local associations and appointed by the board;

(c) one member from among the board's own members, as appointed by the board;

(d) one alternate, as appointed by the board from among its own members, for the member appointed under clause (c); and

(e) one or two persons to represent the interests of Indian pupils, as provided by section 4.

(2) Where no local association or associations have been established, instead of the members and alternates required by clauses (1) (a) and (b), the board shall appoint two members and two alternates who are not members of the board. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 3.

4. (1) Where a board has one member appointed in accordance with a regulation made under section 188 of the Act, the special education advisory committee shall include one person appointed to represent the interests of Indian pupils.

(2) Where a board has more than one member appointed in accordance with a regulation made under section 188 of the Act, the special education advisory committee shall include two persons appointed to represent the interests of Indian pupils.

(3) One alternate shall be appointed for each person appointed in accordance with subsection (1) or (2).

(4) The representatives and alternates shall be nominated by the councils of the bands with which the board has entered into agreements under section 188 of the Act.

(5) The board shall appoint the persons nominated under subsection (4). O. Reg. 464/97, s. 4.

5. (1) A person is not qualified to be nominated or appointed under section 2 or 3 to a special education advisory committee of a board unless the person is qualified to vote for members of that board and is resident in its area of jurisdiction.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of persons appointed under section 4.
- (3) A person is not qualified to be nominated or appointed under section 2, 3 or 4 if the person is employed by the board. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 5.
6. Subject to section 7, each of the persons appointed to a special education advisory committee of a board shall hold office during the term of office of the members of the board and until a new board is organized. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 6.
7. (1) A member of a special education advisory committee vacates his or her seat if he or she,
- (a) is convicted of an indictable offence;
 - (b) absents himself or herself without being authorized by resolution entered in the minutes from three consecutive regular meetings of the committee; or
 - (c) ceases to hold the qualifications to be appointed to the committee.
- (2) An alternate for a member of a special education advisory committee vacates his or her position if he or she,
- (a) is convicted of an indictable offence;
 - (b) absents himself or herself without being authorized by resolution entered in the minutes from three consecutive regular meetings of the committee in respect of which the alternate received a notice under subsection 9 (9); or
 - (c) ceases to hold the qualifications to be appointed as an alternate.
- (3) Where a seat or position becomes vacant under this section, section 8 applies with respect to filling the vacancy.
- (4) Despite subsection (3), where a member of the committee or an alternate for a member of a committee is convicted of an indictable offence, the vacancy or position shall not be filled until the time for taking any appeal that may be taken from the conviction has elapsed, or until the final determination of any appeal so taken, and in the event of the quashing of the conviction the seat or position shall be deemed not to have been vacated. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 7.
8. (1) If a seat or position on a special education advisory committee becomes vacant, the board that appointed the person whose seat or position has become vacant shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the person whose seat or position has become vacant.
- (2) The nomination requirements of sections 2, 3 and 4 apply with respect to appointments under this section.
- (3) Where a seat of a member of the committee is vacant and has not yet been filled, the alternate for the member, if there is an alternate, shall act in the member's place for all purposes of this Regulation. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 8.

9. (1) A majority of the members of a special education advisory committee is a quorum, and a vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting is necessary to bind the committee.

(2) Every member present at a meeting, or his or her alternate when attending the meeting in his or her place, is entitled to one vote.

(3) The members of the committee shall, at their first meeting, elect one of their members as chair and one of their members as vice-chair.

(4) The vice-chair shall assist the chair and shall act for the chair at meetings in his or her absence.

(5) The chair or, in the absence of the chair, the vice-chair, shall preside at meetings.

(6) If at any meeting the chair and vice-chair are not present, the members present may elect a chair for that meeting.

(7) The chair may vote with the other members of the committee and any motion on which there is an equality of votes is lost.

(8) The committee shall meet at least 10 times in each school year.

(9) Where a member for whom an alternate has been appointed cannot attend a meeting of the committee, the member shall so notify the alternate.

(10) Where an alternate receives a notice under subsection (9), he or she shall attend the meeting and act at the meeting in the member's place. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 9.

10. (1) The board shall make available to its special education advisory committee the personnel and facilities that the board considers necessary for the proper functioning of the committee, including the personnel and facilities that the board considers necessary to permit the use of electronic means for the holding of meetings of the committee in accordance with the regulations made under section 208.1 of the Act.

(2) Within a reasonable time after a special education advisory committee is appointed, the board shall provide the members of the committee and their alternates with information and orientation respecting,

(a) the role of the committee and of the board in relation to special education; and

(b) Ministry and board policies relating to special education. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 10.

11. (1) A special education advisory committee of a board may make recommendations to the board in respect of any matter affecting the establishment, development and delivery of special education programs and services for exceptional pupils of the board.

(2) Before making a decision on a recommendation of the committee, the board shall provide an opportunity for the committee to be heard before the board and before any other committee of the board to which the recommendation is referred. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 11.

12. (1) The board shall ensure that its special education advisory committee is provided with the

opportunity to participate in the board's annual review, under Regulation 306 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990, of its special education plan.

(2) The board shall ensure that its special education advisory committee is provided with the opportunity to participate in the board's annual budget process under section 231 of the Act, as that process relates to special education.

(3) The board shall ensure that its special education advisory committee is provided with the opportunity to review the financial statements of the board, prepared under section 252 of the Act, as those statements relate to special education. O. Reg. 464/97, s. 12.

13. Omitted (provides for coming into force of provisions of this Regulation). O. Reg. 464/97, s. 13.

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