



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 7:00 pm
Trustees' Committee Room
133 Greenbank Road
Ottawa, Ontario

Members	Cathy Miedema, Sue Cowin, Sonja Elliot, Lindsay Copland, Nili Kaplan-Myrth, Donna Dickson, Lynn Scott, Anthony Wong, Mike Marta, Jess Whitley, Lori-Anne Bradley
Association Representatives (Non Voting):	Catherine Houlden, Melcha Wolanski, Pete Davidson
Staff and Guests:	Suzanne Nash (Trustee), Catheryne Milburn (Trustee), Deborah Lyon (System Principal, Learning Support Services), Kate Stoudt (Superintendent of Learning Support Services), Justin Shulman, Kevin Gardner, Emily Balla (Program Manager, Mental Health Services), Claire Reynolds (Program Evaluation Officer, Learning Support Services), Gaylene McCutcheon (Psychologist, Learning Support Services), Tamara Persaud (Committee Coordinator, Governance Services)

1. Call to Order

Chair Cathy Miedema called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

9.1 Motion from Sonja Elliot: re Elementary Program Review

Moved by Sonja Elliot,

Whereas the members of Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) are representing their community associations and community representatives; and

Whereas the model proposed in the Elementary Program Review recommends the closure of 39 specialized program classes (SPCs); and

Whereas the SEAC has a responsibility to advise the Board on matters related to special education, including matters related to specialized program classes; and

Whereas the SEAC has debated and discussed the model and the potential impact of closing the 39 SPCs;

Therefore be It Resolved

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) recommends that the Board of Trustees reject the closure of the 39 specialized program classes identified in the Elementary Program Review's proposed model.

Carried

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Cathy Miedema, Chair, Special
Education Advisory Committee