



HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Special Education Advisory Committee – (Hybrid Meeting)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Amanda Winch (Autism Ontario); Jelena King (Centre for Diverse Learners); Sierra Kernick (Community Living Burlington); Melissa Dockeray (Easter Seals Society); Sophia Siddiqi (Halton Down Syndrome); Erin Sproule (VOICE for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing); Kajsa Klassen (Member At Large); Katie Schleifer (Member At Large); Tara Conley (Member At Large); Xin Yi Zhang (Trustee); Carole Baxter (Trustee)

Staff: Colette Ruddock (Superintendent, Special Education); Conan Spruin (Principal, Special Education); Dean Barnes (Superintendent, Student Well Being); Stephanie Wallace, Linda Dela Paz, Marija Glisic; Kevin Raposo (Communications); Laura Radinovic (Special Education Services Coordinator)

Regrets: Kate Lambacher (Association for Bright Children); Jennifer Legare (Autism Ontario); Shania Jagnandan (Community Living Oakville); Audrey Wubbenhorst (Trustee); Joanna Oliver (Trustee)

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1.2 Honouring the Land and Territory

Chair Baxter read the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

#256-25

Moved by: E. Sproule

Seconded by: A. Winch

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Be it resolved that the December 10, 2025 agenda for the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

1.4 Minutes of November 12, 2025

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Moved by: S. Kernick

Seconded by: A. Winch

Be it resolved that the meeting minutes for the November 12, 2025 Special Education Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 Action

None

3.0 SEAC Discussion/Input/Question Period

3.1 Student Well Being Presentation

Student Well Being provided a presentation on Mental Health Yearly Action Plan Highlights. There was an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation. The presentation can be found [HERE](#).

3.2 Budget Presentation Discussion

Discussion in a breakout session and feedback discussed as a group.

4.0 Communication to SEAC

4.1 Superintendent's Report

Nothing to report at this time

4.2 Association Reports

Sierra Kernick, Community Living Burlington, shared an upcoming Resource Fair at MMR in February. Please see the poster [HERE](#).

4.3 Trustee's Reports

Trustee Zhang reminds families that deadlines for I-STEM, IB, French Immersion, and Out-of-Area Transfers are approaching. Please contact your local school with any questions. Also, ensure you are signed up for school closure and transportation alerts, or follow HDSB on social media and the web for real-time updates.

4.4 Committee Reports

The Accessibility and Coordinating Committee reports that the HDSB website is now AODA compliant, with school-site updates underway. Our recruitment process remains inclusive and barrier-free, and the AODA committee will provide a full presentation at our January meeting.

5.0 Next Agenda/Order Paper

If you have suggestions for future meetings or wish to present on your association's work, please contact Laura to be added to an agenda. We also encourage you to identify an alternate representative for your association. Additionally, stay tuned for a digital budget consultation survey arriving in the New Year.

6.0 Adjournment

Chair Baxter adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.