

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Special Education Advisory Committee – (Hybrid Meeting)

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Sapna Gaba (Association for Bright Children); Jennifer Legare (Autism Ontario); Jelena King (Centre for Diverse Learners); Shania Jagnandan (Community Living Oakville); Erin Sproule (VOICE for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing); Melissa Dockeray (Easter Seals Society); Katie Schleifer (Member At Large); Kajsa Klassen (Member At Large); Joanna Oliver (Trustee); Audrey Wubbenhorst (Trustee); Carole Baxter (Trustee)

Staff: Colette Ruddock (Superintendent, Special Education); Conan Spruin (Principal, Special Education); Angela Sauve, (Vice Principal, Special Education); Sommer Sweetman (Communications); Laura Radinovic (Special Education Services Coordinator)

Regrets: Amanda Winch (Autism Ontario); Sierra Kernick (Community Living Burlington); Sophia Siddiqi (Halton Down Syndrome Association); Tara Conley (Member At Large); Xin Yi Zhang (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

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Moved by: K. Schleifer

Seconded by: A. Wubbenhorst

Be it resolved that the February 18, 2026 agenda for the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

1.4 Minutes of January 21, 2026

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Moved by: S. Gaba

Seconded by: E. Sproule

Be it resolved that the meeting minutes for the January 21, 2026 Special Education Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 Action

None

3.0 SEAC Discussion/Input/Question Period

3.1 IEPs, Modified Curriculum and Learning Outcomes

Conan Spruin, Principal, Special Education, provided a presentation on IEPs, Modified Curriculum and Learning Outcomes. There was an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation. The presentation can be found [HERE](#). SEAC members are asked to provide feedback and to continue the discussion at future meetings.

3.2 CPP Visible Values, Georgetown District High School

Nicole Jarvis, Vice Principal and Christine Irwin, CCA, provided a presentation on the CPP Visible Values at Georgetown District High School. There was an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation. The presentation can be found [HERE](#).

4.0 Communication to SEAC

4.1 Superintendent's Report

1. **Staffing Season:** Planning for the next school year begins in March. Both elementary and secondary schools receive their staffing allocations, and begin to build tentative teaching assignments and timetables. In Special Education, we are looking at students in our self-contained classes and their transitions out of programs, changing from elementary to secondary or remaining in their current program. We are still gathering information and confirming our numbers so it is too early to share how many self-contained classes we will be running. That said, we are looking at shifting some of

our class sizes to align closer to Ministry funding ratios - we will be exploring this more deeply in the coming weeks and I will share more information as we confirm details in March / April.

2. **Sports Festival Days:** A reminder that we are hosting two more Sports Festival Days: Wednesday March 25th and Thursday March 26th 2026.

4.2 Association Reports

Jelena King, Centre for Diverse Learners, shared information on their Symposium in March. See details [HERE](#).

4.3 Trustee's Reports

Nothing to report.

4.4 Committee Reports

The Board of Trustees has officially approved the 2026–2027 school calendar; it has now been submitted to the Ministry for final approval.

5.0 Next Agenda/Order Paper

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Self contained programs and the range of offerings that we support, perhaps bring in some educators to present

6.0 Adjournment

Chair Baxter adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.