

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Special Education Advisory Committee
Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm
MINUTES

- Present:** Sapna Gaba (Association for Bright Children); Jennifer Legare (Autism Ontario); Jelena King (Centre for Diverse Learners); Omer Mirza (Easter Seals Society); Erin Sproule (VOICE for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing); Tara Conley (Member At Large); Katie Schleifer (Member At Large); Joanna Oliver (Trustee); Audrey Wubbenhorst (Trustee); Carole Baxter (Trustee)
- Staff:** Colette Ruddock (Superintendent, Special Education); Roxana Negoï (Superintendent, Business Services); Conan Spruin (Principal, Special Education); Angela Sauve, (Vice Principal, Special Education); Kevin Raposo (Communications); Laura Radinovic (Special Education Services Coordinator)
- Regrets:** Amanda Winch (Autism Ontario); Sierra Kernick (Community Living Burlington); Shania Jagnandan (Community Living Oakville); Melissa Dockeray (Easter Seals Society); Sophia Siddiqi (Halton Down Syndrome Association); Kajsas Klassen (Member At Large); Xin Yi Zhang (Trustee)

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome and Call to Order

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

1.2 Honouring the Land and Territory

Chair Gaba read the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

#268-26

Moved by: E. Sproule

Seconded by: T. Conley

Be it resolved that the June 10, 2026 agenda for the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

1.5 Minutes of May 20, 2026

#269-26

Moved by: J. King

Seconded by: C. Baxter

Be it resolved that the meeting minutes for the May 20, 2026 Special Education Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 SEAC Discussion/Input/Question Period

2.1 Budget Presentation

Superintendent Roxana Negoï provided a presentation on the 2026/2027 Draft Budget which can be found [HERE](#). There was an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation.

3.0 Action

3.1 Vote on Special Education Plan 2026-2027

The 2026-2027 Special Education Plan was approved following a majority vote by SEAC members. Those in favour included Autism Ontario, Easter Seals, VOICE, Members at Large; Katie Schleifer; Tara Conley and Trustees Wubbenhorst and Baxter. The associations that were absent were Community Living Burlington, Community Living Oakville, and Halton Down Syndrome.

Those opposed were Association for Bright Children and the Centre for Diverse Learners whose Minority Report can be accessed [HERE](#).

3.2 Vote on Proposed 2026 - 2027 SEAC Meeting Dates

The proposed dates received a unanimous vote in favour.

4.0 Communication to SEAC

4.1 Superintendent's Report

1. **SATM** - Friday, June 12 with a rain date for Monday, June 13th. Please join us!
2. **Summer Learning Grant:** Ministry has indicated that they will provide funds to support summer learning and transitions similar to last year. We have not yet received it but we anticipate, like last year, we will receive \$220 000 to support educational assistants in

summer learning and transitions. We anticipate we will use \$140 000 of the Summer Learning REP for student transitions in August. This will provide an opportunity for schools to organize student visits, case conferences and other planning in late August to receive students for the 2026-27 school year.

3. **Thank you** for another year of service! I recognize this work is all done with the generosity of your time and passion for students with special education needs. I truly appreciate your commitment and advocacy.

4.2 Association Reports

None at this time

4.3 Trustee's Reports

None at this time

4.4 Committee Reports

None at this time.

5.0 Next Agenda/Order Paper

6.0 Adjournment

Chair Gaba adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.