



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Virtual Meeting 5:30 pm

Present

Association Representatives – voting members

- Judy Colantino, Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton, SEAC Chair
- Lindsay Bray, McMaster Children’s Hospital Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation Portfolio, SEAC Vice Chair
- Melanie Roberts, Association for Bright Children of Ontario
- Samantha Sweet, Centre for Diverse Learners
- Sarah Pennington, Community Living Hamilton
- Susi Owen, CNIB Hamilton and Niagara
- Vanessa Doslea, Lynwood Charlton Centre

Regrets

- Danielle Dion-Broadley, Hamilton FASD Collaborative
- Dawn Danko, Trustee Ward 7
- Maria Felix Miller, HWDSB Chair, Trustee Ward 3
- Nancy Silva Khan, Autism Ontario (Central West Chapter)

Staff

- Jennifer Bibby, COPE 527
- John Manzin, System Principal, Special Education, Inclusion & Equity – Transition Navigation
- Julie Anderson, System Principal, Special Education, Inclusion & Equity
- Krista Brodersen, Hamilton-Wentworth Principals’ Council – Secondary
- Julie Boulton, Hamilton-Wentworth Principals’ Council – Elementary

Item	Discussion/Decision
1. Welcome and Call to Order	Judy Colantino called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm welcoming everyone
2. Approval of Agenda	On the motion of Lindsay Bray, seconded by Samantha Sweet, the Committee recommends that the agenda be approved CARRIED.
3. Review of HWDSB 2025-26 Special Education Plan	Sharon Stephanian, Superintendent of Special Education, Inclusion & Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee received and reviewed an overview of the HWDSB 2025–2026 Special Education Plan, outlining key updates, priorities, and areas of focus for the upcoming school year. On the motion of Sarah Pennington, seconded by Lindsay Bray, the Committee recommends that the HWDSB 2025-26 Special Education Plan be approved by the Board of Trustees as presented CARRIED.
4. Adjournment	On the motion of Melanie Roberts, seconded by Vanessa Doslea, the Committee recommends that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. CARRIED.