

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

We would like to acknowledge that we are situated within the Robinson - Huron Treaty of 1850 and want to recognize the inherent rights of the Anishinaabek that maintained these lands from time immemorial.

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- F. NEW BUSINESS** *Chair
1. **Levying Education Taxes Bylaw** *SBO
- Motion:
That the Levying Education Taxes for 2026 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.
2. **Various Capital Projects Update** *SBO
3. **Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting** *Chair
- Motion:
That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Gardiner and Student Trustee Montgomery at the OSTA Fall General Meeting on November 12 to 15, 2026 in Toronto.
4. **Notice of Absence** *Chair
5. **Chief Executive Officer's Remarks** *CEO
6. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Representative
Student Trustee
7. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
8. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair
- G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes May 6, 2026
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes June 3, 2026
2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**
3. **Non-Staff Communications**
- H. FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair
- Environmental Education Committee Meeting September 23, 2026 3:30 pm
Student Senate Meeting October 5, 2026 5:30 pm
Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting October 7, 2026 12:00 pm
Environmental Education Committee Meeting October 14, 2026 3:30 pm
Equity & Inclusive Education Committee Meeting October 15, 2026
Board Meeting October 20, 2026 5:00 pm
- I. ADJOURNMENT** *Chair
- Motion:
That we do now adjourn at p.m.

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in person and electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Farrow (Chair), B. Clement, L. Corbiere-Addison (via Google Meet),
L. Debassige (via Google Meet), D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda,
J. Kosmerly, A. McCauley, Student Trustee Gardiner, Student Trustee
Montgomery
Absent: NIL
Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
A. Guilbault – Superintendent of Business
D. Koziar, L. Mantle, M. McNamara, D. Williamson – Superintendents
Staff: G. Bastien, N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, T. Hayes, N. Mousseau,
D. Peristeridis, C. Whitson
Other: H. Ulrichsen (Sudbury.com)

Chair Farrow called the meeting to order and read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

CEO Bourget completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 26-R86, J.Hunda/A.McCauley

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of August 25, 2026 be approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

STUDENT TRUSTEES

CEO Bourget administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to Student Trustees Sadie Gardiner and Tehya Montgomery and welcomed them to the Board table.

Motion: 26-R87, J.Hunda/A.Gibson

That Sadie Gardiner (Lockerby Composite School) and Tehya Montgomery (Lasalle Secondary School) be appointed Student Trustees for the 2026-2027 school year.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried unanimously

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

D. REPORT FROM THE CLOSED MEETING OF THE BOARD

No meeting was held. No report.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 26-R88, A.McCauley/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 be approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

2. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026-2027 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians

CEO Bourget provided page by page details about the publication which is available on the board's website.

CEO Bourget thanked Nicole Charette and Jennifer Battah-Chartrand for their outstanding efforts to produce the guide which is an excellent resource for students, parents/guardians and staff.

Trustees expressed appreciation for the wonderful resource.

2. **2026-2027 Executive Council Portfolios and Family of Schools**

CEO Bourget reviewed the 2026-2027 Executive Council portfolios and distribution of schools, which was shared with Trustees.

3. **Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution**

Motion: 26-R89, J.Kosmerly/A.Gibson

That the Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

4. **Notice of Absence**

Chair Farrow shared there were no absences and Trustee Debassige and Trustee Corbiere-Addison requested to join virtually, with their requests meeting the criteria in by-law 14.

5. **Chief Executive Officer's Remarks**

Chair Farrow, Trustees:

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer.

I look forward to working with you, Superintendents, administrators, staff, students, families, First Nations Chiefs and communities and all of our partners as we continue our journey together.

To begin, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Sadie Gardiner of Lockerby Composite School and Tehya Montgomery of Lasalle Secondary School and tell you a bit more about our Student Trustees.

Sadie Gardiner and Tehya Montgomery have been involved in extra-curricular activities and leadership roles throughout their secondary education and look forward to making a difference on a system-wide level.

A student in the Science Technology Education Program (STEP) at Lockerby Composite School, **Sadie Gardiner** is enrolled in the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in Health and Wellness.

She is a member of the school band, Environmental Council, and Student Council, where she will serve as Co-Chair for a second term. Last school year, she was part of the Northern

Ontario Music Festival honour band. She has also been a member of Lockerby's Robotics Club.

Sadie has participated in many competitions organized by the University of Waterloo, including the Waterloo Beaver Computing Challenge, and the Pascal, Kayley, and Fermat competitions. During her Grade 10 Civics Class, she completed a Youth Philanthropy Initiative presentation that earned \$5,000 for the Sudbury Charity Angels of Hope Against Human Trafficking.

She says... and I quote - "Involvement in school and school life is important because it allows you to meet a wide variety of people, and gain new experiences and perspectives. Being involved in the school provides for a better overall experience." She also says "Student voice matters because students are directly affected by the decisions made at the board level."

Sadie plans to pursue studies in health sciences, and become a family physician.

Tehya Montgomery will serve as Indigenous Student Trustee. She is enrolled in Lasalle Secondary School's Sports Health Academics and Leadership Program (SHAL) where she works with younger students, referees a variety of sports, and gives back to the community.

Tehya is the Captain of Lasalle Secondary School's Senior Girls' Volleyball team, plays badminton, and is a member of the Senior Reach for the Top team. In Grade 12, she will also be part of the Yearbook Committee.

She says... and again I quote - "When students are involved in their school, they understand more about their school's culture and values while also enjoying a multitude of experiences. I encourage students to get out of their comfort zones to meet new people, share their ideas, learn from others, and participate in the many opportunities available to them." She also says "I am an advocate for youth and mental health in my school and I am very excited to step into my role as Indigenous Student Trustee."

Tehya plans to study psychology or criminal justice. She is interested in becoming a police officer or youth advocate and someone who can empower others.

We know Student Trustee Sadie Gardiner and Student Trustee Tehya Montgomery will be strong voices for their peers.

Start Up:

Our hard working administrative teams have been preparing for the launch of the school year. We look forward to seeing everyone soon and are excited to begin.

Our caring and talented staff will take part in professional learning on September 2nd and 3rd in preparation for school start up.

On Monday, August 31st we will host our New Employee Orientation at Sudbury Secondary School. New staff will spend the day learning together.

On Tuesday, September 1st, there will be a full day session of the New Teacher Induction Program. Teachers will engage in professional development to support a great start to their teaching career.

Also on Tuesday, September 1st, we will once again host our education symposium at Macleod Public school. Well over 100 teachers will participate and benefit from a full day of presentations and sharing of best practices in teaching and learning.

Kindergarten Camp is occurring this week on August 26th, 27th and 28th. We are accepting Kindergarten registrations for the upcoming school year. No experience necessary:)

I would like to thank our System Principals, Consultants, Coordinators, Managers and Superintendents for their leadership and hard work over the summer to prepare and lead these highly beneficial opportunities for growth for our staff.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

We look forward to seeing our students and welcoming all of our new and returning families to Rainbow Schools.

We extend a special welcome to our youngest learners - the children starting school for the very first time.

As always, our schools will be safe and supportive places where students have fun while they learn.

We will continue to prioritize reconnecting, mental health and well-being as our teachers engage with and support students to determine learning needs.

We have a strong team of administrators, educators and support staff who will nurture student success.

As we know, public education prepares students to be active, confident, capable and contributing members of society.

Rainbow Schools play a critical role in the academic, social, emotional and physical development of children and young adults.

When students feel safe, supported, accepted, respected and connected in school and in their school community - when they have a sense of belonging - they are well on their way towards achieving their full potential.

On behalf of all of our staff, I would like to welcome our students and families to the 2026-2027 school year.

We also would like to note Acting Principal Dawn Noble McCann appointed to Charles C. McLean P.S. effective August 26, 2026, and shared some previous announcements in June.

Our administrators and our staff are excited to work with students and families in their respective schools and school communities.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 8th.

I will close my comments with gratitude to our Board of Trustees. Your ongoing, incredible support and commitment to our students and staff makes a difference in our schools each day. Thank you for all you do. Together, we all feel excitement for the start of another school year filled with positive energy, promise, pride and possibility as together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

6. **Other Items**

OPSBA Representative - Trustee Kosmerly shared that OPSBA Board of Directors engaged in a strategic planning session on August 20th and that Trustees can expect an email soon from President Woodcock outlining the changes the organization will be making to its services in light of significant changes to its financial situation.

Student Trustees - Student Trustee Montgomery shared that she is grateful to co-chair the Student Senate committee with Sadie and excited to have the opportunity to be a part of the Board. Student Trustee Gardiner agreed and is looking forward to working with her fellow Trustees.

7. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** **NIL**

8. **Chairperson's Remarks**

As we set sail on another exciting school year of learning and discovery, I extend a sincere welcome to new and returning students, staff and families across Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island. Your presence and commitment are what make our schools strong and our communities vibrant.

Each new school year brings a wealth of possibilities. It's a time for new beginnings, new relationships and new opportunities to grow.

In Rainbow Schools, ongoing character development is guided by the values that are modeled, taught and expected. They include Humility, Bravery, Honesty, Wisdom, Truth, Respect, Love, the Seven Grandfather Teachings, braided together with Resilience, Equity and Community.

We nurture young people who contribute to their communities, who recognize their ability to make a difference, and who understand that being a responsible citizen means caring about the world in which we live.

This work requires a team effort with dedicated educators, administrators and staff; engaged parents, guardians and mentors; supportive Trustees; community partners who open doors and create opportunities; and students who bring their own voices, ideas and aspirations to our schools every day.

When the home, the school and the community work together, we maximize learning opportunities for students and help them achieve their full potential.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to this year's Student Trustees Sadie Gardiner and Tehya Montgomery.

We look forward to having you both represent our students and contribute to our collective focus of student achievement and well-being.

Tomorrow, our youngest learners will kick off the school year with Kindergarten Camp. The three-day program will run for three hours per day at a number of Rainbow elementary schools. Welcome to the class of 2040!

For those who have not already done so, there is still time to register. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact their area Rainbow school as soon as possible.

I also extend a special welcome back to our teachers and support staff who make Rainbow Schools exceptional places for teaching and learning. We appreciate all that they do on behalf of students.

IMPORTANT DATES

A friendly reminder that the first two Professional Activity Days of the 2026-2027 school year will take place on Wednesday, September 2nd and Thursday, September 3rd. Information about PA Days is available on the board website.

This year, Labour Day falls on Monday, September 7th.

And staff will welcome students back for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8th.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink on Thursday, September 17th as Rainbow District School Board marks its 19th annual "Stand Up Against Bullying Day". We invite everyone in the community to join us and wear pink on September 17th.

That's it for me this evening. We wish everyone a wonderful start up to the school year.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**
Tender 2026-16 Lansdowne Public School
3. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Special Education Advisory Committee September 9, 2026 12:00 am
Student Senate Meeting September 14, 2026 5:30 pm
Environmental Education Committee Meeting September 16, 2026 3:30 pm

First Nation Advisory Committee September 17, 2026 10:00 am
Equity & Inclusion Committee September 17, 2026 3:30 pm
Board Meeting September 22, 2026 5:00 pm

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 26-R90, A.McCauley

That we do now adjourn at 5:54 p.m. - **Carried**

UNOFFICIAL

Rainbow District School Board
BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-03

Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the *Education Act* (the “*Act*”) requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 257.12 of the *Act*;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 400/98 prescribes the tax rates under subsection 257.12(1) of the *Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

The rates set out in Ontario Regulation 400/98 for 2026 are hereby levied in localities within the area of jurisdiction of the Board on the property indicated in section 257.7 of the *Act*.

READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY ENACTED IN OPEN BOARD MEETING THIS
22nd DAY OF September, 2026.

Chair

Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

RDSB, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury, Ontario

Present:

SEAC Members:

Julie Contini

Lisa Corbiere-Addison

Krista Cote

Natasha Delaney

Stephanie Goudreault

Sara Kitlar-Pothier

Alex McCauley

Robert Silvestri (Acting Chair)

Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

Trustee

Compass

Member at Large

Children's Community Network

Member at Large

Trustee

Northern Ontario Assessment and Resource Centre
(NOARC)

Staff:

Nancy Cecchetto

Alyssa Conaty

Coleen Eberlein

Adam Guilbault

David Squarzolo

Danielle Williamson

Manager of Finance

Senior Financial Analyst

Principal, Special Education Programs and Services

Superintendent of Business

Principal, Special Education Programs and Services

Superintendent of Schools

Regrets:

None

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

R. Silvestri chaired the meeting.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

R. Silvestri read aloud the mission statement.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: Trustee McCauley

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of May 6, 2026 be approved.

Carried

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

6.0 Approval of the Minutes and Motions of the Previous Meetings

Motion 2:

Moved by: Trustee McCauley

Seconded by: Trustee Corbiere-Addison

That the minutes and motions of the SEAC meeting of April 1, 2026 be approved.

Carried

7.0 Business Arising

None

8.0 New Business

New Business to be presented later in the agenda.

9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

No requests were received.

10.0 Special Education Budget

Nancy Cecchetto, Manager of Finance, shared the proposed special education budget for 2026-2027. Funding for school boards next year has not yet been announced by the Ministry of Education. The budget for 2025-2026 and funding received this past year was used to prepare the proposed budget for next year.

An increase in funding through Special Education Per Pupil Amount and Special Incidence Portion is anticipated. Added to the upcoming special education budget is funding received for Care and Treatment Education Programs (CTEP) and Education and Community Partnership Programs (ECPP). Changes by the Ministry to this funding helps to remove the variance that has existed in previous years. The Board saw an overall decrease in student enrolment. Approximately 97 percent of expenditures relates to staffing. The remaining 3 percent accounts for expenses related to professional development, materials, and equipment. A balanced budget is being proposed to the Board. Funds drawn from special education reserves have been incorporated into the proposed budget as mandated.

Motion 3:

Moved by: Trustee McCauley

Seconded by: Trustee Corbiere-Addison

That the SEAC recommend the proposed 2026-27 special education budget be approved by the Board.

Motion carried.

11.0 Special Education Plan 2026-2027

Principal Williamson shared the proposed special education staffing for 2026-2027 and highlighted changes. Additional Intensive Support Programs are being opened to accommodate the needs of incoming preschoolers to the Board in September. There are other existing central positions that have remained unfilled during the course of the year. The service delivery model for the provision of Applied Behaviour Analysis and Speech-Language Pathology continues to evolve to meet the needs of students and in response to changes made by other services in the community.

Motion 4:

Moved by: S. Kitlar-Pothier

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the SEAC recommend the proposed 2026-27 special education staffing be approved by the Board.

Motion carried.

12.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal Eberlein shared that Northeastern ES is hosting an awareness day on May 7 to promote inclusivity. Princess Anne PS is hosting a dodgeball tournament on May 13 for students attending Intensive Support Programs.

The All Stars Meet at Laurentian University will take place on May 26. Volunteers from the Kinsmen are providing a free lunch. The water wagon from the city will be onsite. A rain date of June 3 has also been scheduled.

Westmount Avenue PS is hosting a gaga ball tournament on June 9.

13.0 Board Report

Trustee Corbiere-Addison shared that trustees are working through Bill 101, the Putting Student Achievement First Act and legislation that overhauls school board governance. Work is being done at the Board and provincial levels.

Trustee McCauley thank Trustee Corbiere-Addison for all her work on this.

14.0 Chairperson's Report

None

15.0 Association Reports

Krista Cote (Compass)

K. Cote shared that May 4 to 10 is Children's Mental Health Week. An Affirm group is being held at the Sudbury Youth Wellness Hub for LGBTQ youth. In April, Compass launched two group sessions of the Circle of Security attachment-based parenting program. Parents interested in joining in the future can go through the intake process accessible online through the Compass website. Additional dates and groups will be scheduled in September. Compass will be launching the Step-Up Step-Down Program and are aiming for an opening in June. An invitation will be sent to community partners for a tour. Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre will be partnering with Compass to establish the Family Navigation Project in Sudbury and Manitoulin. More information will be shared this fall.

Sara Kitlar-Pothier (Member at Large)

S. Kitlar-Pothier shared that the Ontario Autism Coalition (OAC) report has been released to the public and is available on their website. The summary can be shared with the SEAC. Bill 101 is now making its way through the legislature. It is hoped that the SEAC can write a letter to the Ministry stating that schools need to be properly funded. Superintendent Williamson will review the Board's process of writing letters and share information at the next SEAC meeting.

16.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

None

17.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

- Sudbury Youth Wellness Hub presentation – 2026
- Individual Education Plan updates - 2026
- Speech-Language Pathology presentation – 2026

18.0 Next Meeting Date

June 3, 2026 from 12:00 until 1:30 PM.

19.0 Adjournment

Motion 5:

Moved by: J. Contini

Seconded by: S. Kitlar-Pothier

That the SEAC meeting of May 6, 2026 be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 PM.

**MINUTES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

RDSB, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury, Ontario

Present:

SEAC Members:

Julie Contini

Lisa Corbiere-Addison

Krista Cote

Natasha Delaney

Stephanie Goudreault

Sara Kitlar-Pothier

Alex McCauley

Robert Silvestri (Acting Chair)

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Staff:

Coleen Eberlein

David Squarzolo

Danielle Williamson

Principal, Special Education Programs and Services

Principal, Special Education Programs and Services

Superintendent of Schools

Regrets:

None

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

R. Silvestri chaired the meeting.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

R. Silvestri read aloud the mission statement.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: Trustee Corbiere-Addison

Seconded by: K. Cote

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of June 3, 2026 be approved.

Carried

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

6.0 Approval of the Minutes and Motions of the Previous Meetings

Motion 2:

Moved by: K. Cote

Seconded by: J. Way

That the minutes and motions of the SEAC meeting of May 6, 2026 be approved.

Discussion occurred regarding the content and specificity of meeting minutes and the inclusion of actionable items so that families are aware of how students with special needs are represented and any concerns addressed.

Superintendent Williamson shared that the draft meeting minutes and proposed agendas will be sent to the SEAC a week prior to the scheduled meeting. If amendments to the minutes are recommended prior to the meeting, committee members are asked to contact Superintendent Williamson. Members can also prepare a written Association Report to share in advance. SEAC meetings are not recorded or transcribed.

Proposed edits to the May meeting minutes can be sent to Principal Squarzolo.

Motion deferred.

7.0 Business Arising

None

8.0 New Business

Stephanie Goudreault shared a presentation and described the programs offered by the Children's Community Network. The CCN office is now located at 2140 Regent Street, Unit 12 in Sudbury. Services are provided in the Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts. CCN also offers the Urgent Response Services (URS) program in these districts, as well as in the Algoma and Nipissing areas as well. In addition to URS, CCN provides: Central Access/Intake; Service Coordination/Access; Coordinated Service Planning; Direct Funded Respite; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Autism Consultation; the Intensive Treatment and Support Program; a Support Provider Database; and, the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Program. Referrals to many programs such as Central Access/Intake or Direct Funded Respite can be made by parents and guardians. Eligibility for services such as the Autism Consultant or URS require that the child be registered with the Ontario Autism Program. A child who is referred for the Intensive Treatment and Support Program must have a diagnosis of autism. Referrals to the Alternative Dispute Resolution are accepted from child welfare agencies only. Programs offered by CCN will support individuals to the age of 18. The FASD Program supports individuals up to the age of 21.

9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

No requests were received.

10.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williamson shared that the Board Awards were held on May 12 at Sudbury Secondary School to recognize the contributions to schools made by staff and community volunteers. Special Education Coordinator Gillian Cacciotti received the Barbara Konarek Award for her work with and on behalf of students with special education needs as a teacher and a coordinator.

A group of central special education staff attended the OCASE Conference on May 14 in Mississauga which offered good learning opportunities for them. Tony Diaz from the Ministry of Education gave a brief presentation on ongoing topics in education. Another presentation was given from an Ontario legal team about the obligations of school boards and how evolving issues are being managed, centred on human rights. Other professional development topics provided by other school boards included implementing assessment recommendations into the classroom, psychological assessment reports that uses language accessible to parents and teachers and is user friendly, and mental health and healthy

transitions.

Discussion occurred regarding additional funding for boards to support students with special needs. Current funding sources from the Ministry of Education include the Special Equipment Allocation, Care and Treatment Education Program funding, and the Northern Adjustment Amount. Funding through Jordan's Principle is largely unavailable for school board programs and services for Indigenous students.

11.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal Eberlein shared that the May 26 All Stars Meet at Laurentian University was a success. There were 567 students in attendance. The support of staff and parents is always appreciated. The Sudbury Kinsmen provided a free lunch for those in attendance. Grade 8 students from Valley View PS were on hand to help with track and field events. The meet was featured in the news.

Westmount Avenue PS is hosting a gaga ball tournament on June 9 for students with special needs. MacLeod PS is hosting its annual baseball tournament on June 11 at the Terry Fox Sports Complex.

The Ministry of Education released the mandatory professional development list for 2026-2027 for all school boards. Individual Education Plans is a mandatory topic. School boards have limited autonomy about the topics of focus.

12.0 Board Report

Trustee Corbiere-Addison reported that the Board has approved a balanced budget for 2026-2027. The Board also approved the Special Education Plan. Student enrolment is down slightly, but is otherwise stable. Capital projects will be underway this summer. The "Take Your MPP to School Week" initiative, organized by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), is an annual event that connects Members of Provincial Parliament directly with public education. Bill Rosenberg, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin will be visiting Central Manitoulin PS and Manitoulin SS on June 11. Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, and France Gelinas, MPP for Nickel Belt, also participated in visits.

13.0 Chairperson's Report

R. Silvestri thanked everyone for their work on the SEAC.

14.0 Association Reports

Julie Contini (Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury)

J. Contini shared that the DSAS will be hosting networking sessions for parents and caregivers over the summer. Community Living Greater Sudbury hosted an Inclusion Coffee Chat on May 22, 2026, to celebrate Community Living Month with a panel discussion on local inclusivity. Local politicians were among those in attendance. The discussion did not include educational inclusion.

Krista Cote (Compass)

K. Cote shared that the annual Sudbury Defeat Depression Run took place on May 23 to raise awareness and funds for local mental health initiatives. Compass is hosting a meet and greet later today at the Twin Forks Playground on Gary Street in New Sudbury to share information on the Step-Up Step-Down program opening later this year. The event is open to the public.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

None

16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

- Summer Learning Program – September 2026
- Sudbury Youth Wellness Hub presentation
- Individual Education Plan updates

17.0 Next Meeting Date

September 9, 2026 from 12:00 until 1:30 PM.

Discussion occurred regarding the start time of the SEAC meetings. Principal Squarzolo will create a survey for SEAC members to provide their input into their preferred start time. Municipal elections will be taking place this fall. Board committees will be formed following the election. Application information will be shared with the SEAC at the next meeting.

18.0 Adjournment

Motion 3:

Moved by: Trustee Corbiere-Addison

Seconded by: K. Cote

That the SEAC meeting of June 3, 2026 be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 PM.