

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – St. Louis Room

### MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Trustee	Mike Neuts
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Deb Toland
Lambton Developmental Services	Adrian Vermeiren
Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent	Fabrizia Romano
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Effect Group	Martha Fracalanza
Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County	Michele LaLonge-Davey
Autism Society Ontario	Verna Southgate
Community Living, Wallaceburg	Dr. Veronica Vaughan
Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County	Annie Sheehan
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
Trustee	Marie Cadotte
Principals' Association	Maureen Cecile
Vice-Principals' Association	Dianne Langan
Board Advisors	Dr. Frank Leddy Anna Giuliani Martin Forster Renee Zarebski

Regrets: Dianne Langan, Maureen Cecile, Verna Southgate

Absent: Marie Cadotte

*Mike Neuts*  
*SEAC Chairperson*

*Dr. Frank Leddy*  
*Board Advisor*

# MINUTES

## A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Prayer - led by Mike Neuts

2. Adoption of Agenda

Amendments to Agenda:

"F" Information items: Dr. Mamen's presentation "Updated of Gifted Review OCSOA Discussion Paper".

**MOTION BY:** Veronica Vaughan and seconded by Martha Fracalanza, to adopt the agenda as amended.

**Carried**

3. Review of Minutes - February 21, 2005

**MOTION BY:** Michele LaLonge-Davey and seconded by Deb Toland to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2005 meeting.

**Carried**

## B. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Effect Group

Martha Fracalanza

An article entitled Pregnancy, alcohol don't mix was distributed.

Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County

Annie Sheehan

Dr. Maggie Mamen will be doing a presentation on Non-verbal Learning Disabilities on April 20, 2005 at SCITS auditorium in Sarnia at 7:00 PM.

## C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Programs and Services for students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing:  
Board Program and Services – Lauri Doig, Resource Teacher for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

A handout entitled PEACHIE was distributed. An overview of the services provided at the Board level was provided.

2. Board Special Education Plan – Review feedback from Section A, B1, B2  
B2: include role of Educational Assistants to support the inclusion philosophy

Section B3 – Early On Going Identification R. Zarebski

Information on the Web Based Teaching Tool has been included.

A description of the high needs pre-school transition process has been included. Copies of the pre-school transition protocols were distributed.

Section B4 – IPRC A. Giuliani

Updated statistics are currently being collected.

A modification of the Parent Guide to include the programs and services offered by the Board was suggested.

Section B5 – Education and Other Assessments A. Giuliani

There no changes to this section.

Section B6 – Specialized Health Support in Services in School Settings R. Zarebski

References to various provincial Ministries will be reviewed and any name changes will be reflected.

The ASD Consultants from Thames Valley Children's Centre will be included.

Section B7 – Categories and Definitions of Exceptionalities Dr. F. Leddy

There are no changes to this section.

Section B8 – Special Education Placements Provided by Board R. Zarebski

The wording will be reviewed as it currently states that all self-contained programs were phased out in 2001. A limited number of self-contained programs currently exist.

Section B9 – Individual Education Plan M. Forster

This section was updated to reflect the role of the IEP committee in the ongoing revisions to the IEP template.

A modification to the wording to clarify the invitation to parents to meet concerning the development of the IEP was suggested.

Section B10 – Provincial and Demonstration Schools Dr. F. Leddy

The statistics of the number of students attending provincial schools were updated.

**NOTE: Hard copies of the sections to be reviewed at the April SEAC meeting will be provided upon request.**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Secondary School Review of Services and Programs in Special Education

Dr. F. Leddy

The review is currently in the planning stage. Collaboration with the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board and London District Catholic School Board will take place as they are currently undertaking a similar review. A steering committee will be formed. Michele LaLonge-Davey will sit on the committee. Data collection will take place in April and a draft report will be completed in May.

2. Annual Accessibility Plan

Dr. F. Leddy

Deb Toland is the SEAC representative on the committee. The committee is currently reviewing the physical structure changes which have been completed and are considering recommendations for future changes. A report will be provided to SEAC in the near future.

**E. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

No reports.

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. OCSOA Special Education Discussion Paper

The OCSOA Special Education Discussion Paper was distributed. This document complements the document produced by the public school boards. SEAC members were asked to read the discussion paper and be prepared to consider endorsing the paper at the next SEAC meeting. If SEAC decides to endorse the paper, a letter of support will be sent to the Ministry of Education.

2. Dr. Maggie Mamen

Dr. Maggie Mamen will be presenting on Non-verbal Learning Disabilities to the Program Resource Teachers of our Board and the LKDSB on April 20, 2005. SEAC members were invited to attend.

3. Gifted Review

All surveys have been distributed, returned and collated. A draft report will be completed for the next SEAC meeting.

4. Prayers

SEAC members were asked to remember Nathan Lepore, a grade 9 student at St. Patrick's, in their prayers. Nathan passed away during March break.

**G. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Q.** Is the Special Education Guide for Educators current?

**A.** Yes it is.

**H. NEXT MEETING DATE:    Monday, April 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**

**I. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. IEP
2. Feedback on the Parent Guide
3. Feedback on the OCSOA Discussion Paper
4. Presentation by Secondary School Staff on transitions from secondary to community for students with special needs.

Items #1, 2 and 3 will be agenda items for the meeting of April 18, 2005.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

<p><b>MOTION BY:</b> Adrien Vermeiren and seconded by Michele Lalonge-Davey to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.</p>
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**Carried**