

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – St. Louis Conference Room

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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| Autism Society Ontario | Marianne Knox |
| Community Living, Chatham-Kent | Sue McMath |
| Community Living, Wallaceburg | Dr. Veronica Vaughan |
| Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County | Michele LaLonge-Davey |
| Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Effect Group | Martha Fracalanza |
| Lambton Developmental Services | Adrian Vermeiren |
| Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent | Fabrizia Romano |
| Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County | Annie Sheehan |
| VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children | Kathy Arcuri-Arnott |
| Trustee | Marie Cadotte |
| Trustee | Mike Neuts |
| Principals' Association | Maureen Cecile |
| Vice-Principals' Association | Americo Todino |
| Board Advisors | Martin Forster |
| | Dr. Frank Leddy |
| | Brenda Roby |
| | Lisa Thompson |
| | Renée Zarebski |

Regrets: Sue McMath, Annie Sheehan

Absent: Marie Cadotte, Maureen Cecile, Marianne Knox, Brenda Roby, Fabrizia Romano, Lisa Thompson, Americo Todino, Renée Zarebski

Guests: Barb Fisher, Trustee

Mike Neuts
SEAC Chairperson

Dr. Frank Leddy
Board Advisor

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order and led in prayer by Chair, Mike Neuts.
2. SEAC Membership

Frank read letter of resignation of Verna Southgate and the appointment of Marianne Knox as the new representative of the Autism Society Ontario-Chatham-Kent Chapter.

3. Adoption of Agenda

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| MOTION BY: Adrian Vermeiren and seconded by Kathy Arcuri-Arnott to adopt the agenda. |
| CARRIED |

4. Review of Minutes from March 20, 2006

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| MOTION BY: Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Adrian Vermeiren to accept the minutes from the March 20, 2006 SEAC meeting. |
| CARRIED |

B. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. Community Living, Wallaceburg V. Vaughan

Veronica expressed a great interest in the Inclusion Project. Community Living, Wallaceburg is also highly supportive of the Kawartha Pineridge District School Board and recommended following.

Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County M. Lalonge-Davey

Michele distributed flyers for the upcoming Achieving True Inclusion conference to be held from May 5-7, 2006.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Budget Presentation J. McKenzie

There is a shortfall of funds and a deficit from last year, however there are reserves to draw from but this is not a long term answer. The 4.2% decline in elementary enrolment (300 students) impacts regardless of efficiencies found. As a result of this decrease the SEPPA allocation is reduced (\$320,000). Net "new needs" is -19 which reduces funding. It is the hope to have a balanced budget in May. Staffing information will be available for discussion at the May SEAC meeting.

2. Revision to Board Special Education Plan – B(4) F. Leddy

This section was reviewed at the last meeting and revisions were made.

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| MOTION BY: Adrian Vermeiren and seconded by Kathy Arcuri-Arnott to approve the revision. |
| CARRIED |

D. NEW BUSINESS

None

E. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

None

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

G. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

H. NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 15, 2006 – St. Patrick’s Catholic High School (see directions attached)

Note: Those wishing to have dinner beforehand can meet at Cravin’s in Sarnia at 5:15 p.m.
Please RSVP to Michele LaLonge-Davey at (519) 542-1477.

I. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

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| MOTION BY: Michele LaLonge-Davey and seconded by Adrian Vermeiren to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. |
| CARRIED |

Following the adjournment The Strategic Planning Focus Group was led by Fred Galloway.