

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – St. Louis Conference Room

Please contact Niki Ritchie at 1-866-336-6139 ext. 388  
if you are unable to attend this meeting

## MINUTES

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living, Chatham-Kent	Sue McMath
Community Living, Sarnia-Lambton	Cyndi Brumaroff
Community Living, Wallaceburg	Dr. Veronica Vaughan
Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County	Michele LaLonge-Davey
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Effect Group	Martha Fracalanza
Lambton County Developmental Services Group	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	Carol Bryden
Trustee	Brenda Rumble
Principals' Association	Maureen Cecile
Vice-Principals' Association	Americo Todino
Board Advisors	Martin Forster
	Dr. Frank Leddy
	Brenda Roby
	Lisa Thompson
	Renée Zarebski

Regrets: Maureen Cecile, Sue McMath, Brenda Roby, Fabrizia Romano, Lisa Thompson, Americo Todino, Adrian Vermeiren, Renée Zarebski

Guests: Anita Labadie

*Carol Bryden*  
*SEAC Chairperson*

*Dr. Frank Leddy*  
*Board Advisor*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Prayer
2. Adoption of Agenda

<b>MOTION BY:</b> Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Carol Bryden to adopt the agenda.
<b>CARRIED</b>

3. Review of Minutes from January 22, 2007

<b>MOTION BY:</b> Annie Sheehan and seconded by Martha Fracalanza to accept the minutes from the January 22, 2007 SEAC meeting.
<b>CARRIED</b>

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation: OPTIONS Program L. Fisher-Nooyen

Lisa Fisher-Nooyen introduced Kent and Brian, two students in the OPTIONS Program. Lisa provided an overview of the program. OPTIONS is a joint venture between the St. Clair Catholic District School Board and the Lambton-Kent District School Board. There are currently 13 students in the program. OPTIONS provides a bridge between secondary school and paid employment through a combination of work experience and an employment readiness skills program. Kent, a first year student in the program, described his involvement and how the program has assisted in his personal growth. Brian, a second year student, described how the program has benefited him both personally and in pursuing his future goals.

**C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

1. Community Living, Wallaceburg V. Vaughan

The agency is currently focused on finding community placements for residents from the Southwest Regional Centre. The annual report of Community Living, Ontario was distributed.

2. Community Living, Sarnia-Lambton C. Brumaroff

The agency is preparing for placements for residents of the Southwest Regional Centre who will be returning to the community. The challenges of providing appropriate settings and adequate transitional supports were highlighted.

3. Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County M. LaLonge-Davey

An article on consultation with parents on the IEP was shared.

**D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

1. SEAC Member Training M. Forster

SEAC members logged on to the SEAC training site (<http://seac-learning.ca>) and reviewed the learning modules.

2. Information CDs M. Forster

The information CDs were not ready for distribution. The CDs will be sent to SEAC members in the near future.

3. Collection of member information sheets M. Forster

Members were reminded to submit any outstanding member information sheets.

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Parent Representation – IEP Feedback Session F. Leddy

The parent representatives suggested by the special education department for the IEP Collaborative Review – Regional Meeting were approved with the latitude to substitute if required. A report on the regional meeting will be provided at the next meeting.

2. Model Projects to Promote Positive Student Behaviour proposals M. Forster

Two proposals were submitted, a joint proposal with the Lambton-Kent DSB focused on alternatives to suspension and our Board proposal focusing on skill development for students at risk.

3. Transition to School M. Forster

Transition meetings will be held later this week for preschool students identified with high needs by the community agencies.

#### **F. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

Provided by Brenda Rumble – Trustee

The trustees have been very busy with their orientation since the election. They attended a weekend seminar in January and came away with more insight on Catholic Education. The segment on Speak Up for Catholic Education by Noel Martin was a key presentation. The Minister of Education, Kathleen Wynne spoke on the importance of a great education in the public sector and her plans for education.

#### **G. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1. Clarification was asked concerning the degree of modification and the granting of secondary school credits.

Frank will follow up with Janet Penner, Education Officer at the Ministry Regional Office.

2. Will SEAC be consulted on the development of a local dispute resolution process for the IPRC process as per the Ministry initiative?

The document has not been received from the Ministry. SEAC will be consulted during the process.

#### **H. NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, March 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the CEC in the St. Louis Conference Room.**

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**I. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. Role of the Student Success Teacher
2. Parent Information Night

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOTION BY:</b>	Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Martha Fracalanza to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.
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**CARRIED**