



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter	Tracey Haddy
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley
Community Living Sarnia-Lambton	Rachel Veilleux / Brenda Roby
Community Living Wallaceburg	Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D’Hooghe
Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton	Michelle Parks
Trustees	Jennifer McCann
Principal/Vice Principal Representatives	Tiffany Clarke (VP) Lisa Walker
Board Advisors	Lisa Demers Jennifer Morrow Terri Rawlings Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power
Guests	Lisa Veenendaal Amber Harding Monica Mason Brian White
Regrets	Kim D’Hooghe Tracey Haddy Hollie Sparling Lisa Walker



A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - November 21, 2022

Motion By Kayla Murphy and seconded by Brenda Roby to adopt the SEAC Agenda of Monday, November 21, 2022. **Carried.**

3. Review of SEAC Minutes – October 17, 2022

Motion By Brenda Roby and seconded by Michelle Parks to adopt the SEAC Minutes of Monday, October 17, 2022. **Carried.**

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Lambton College CICE Program

Lisa Veenendaal/Amber Harding

- CICE is a fully integrated post-secondary program that offers a modified curriculum and a quality education; Students can apply with a high school diploma, or certificate, or equivalent, as well as a mature student.
- CICE students can live in residence to promote inclusion and give the students a real college experience.
- Each CICE experience is individualized based on students goals, needs and level of ability; time tables are also individualized and include tutoring times for each of their classes, as well as individualized academic support with a Learning Specialist (LS); LS's reiterate what was spoken about in that class and may rephrase things in a different way to meet the student's learning needs.
- Students graduate with an Ontario College certificate in various courses - some include PSW, Culinary, Photography and Welding.
- The Learning Specialists will accompany students to all their classes and provide support, as well as be there for safety precautions such as machinery and welding, and kitchens for knife skills; they can make changes to course outlines and classwork to fit each student's academic level (accommodations/modifications) and student's needs.
- Each semester, the students will be taking four mainstream courses and labs. Specialized courses are offered each semester that focus on preparing students for field placement job skills for the workplace.
- Colleges are now sending out offers as soon as November 1, 2022 - there is no longer the February 2, 2023 deadline



- The next Open House is February 20, 2023 for anyone interested in coming out and looking at the program.

2. OAP Entry to School

Monica Mason/Brian White

- Ontario Autism Program (OAP) has started an Entry to School (ETS) program that is designed to support students with autism upon their entry to school.
- In Chatham-Kent, the program is run through the Children's Treatment Centre, and in Sarnia-Lambton through Pathways; directed under the Ministry of Community and Social Services, and in partnership with local school boards and community service providers.
- Eligibility requirements for this program are: an Autism diagnosis; registered with the Ontario Autism Program and have their own OAP number; be between the ages of three and six.
- The students have fifteen hours per week in-person, for those first six months. They are kept on for consultation for the next six months to work with the school to assist with the transition in the regular classroom.
- A pre-assessment is completed to determine the strengths and needs of the child, and to be able to measure a starting point for initial goals. A post-assessment will be completed to determine if goals have been met.
- The program focuses on six domains; Communication, Play, Functional Routines, Behaviour, Self Management and Social Interaction to support children in developing the skills to successfully transition into school classrooms.
- For more information, visit the Ministry of Children Community and Social Services [MCCSS](#).

C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter

Tracey Haddy

- N/A

2. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Kayla Murphy

- September 30, 2022 - Every Child Matters flag was raised and a moment of silence was observed.
- Two people attended the Crow Fest Gala.
- The Inaugural race was held at Mud Creek Path.

3. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton

Brenda Roby

- October was National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In addition to having the outdoor lights of the building lit up in purple and blue (the official

- colours of the NDEAM campaign), community partners at Bluewater Power also changed their lights at the Lite Street power station. Our team also created exclusive social media content (in video and print form) for our NDEAM promo campaign, which featured testimonials from our board president, several recent jobPath graduates, a jobPath graduate from over 12 years ago, and an employer who recently hired through our services. [Video Links: <https://vimeo.com/763860063>; <https://vimeo.com/763859818>; <https://vimeo.com/763860522>; <https://vimeo.com/763860290>]
- Sarnia Journal was encouraged to write an article promoting National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and to promote our employment services. This supports the creation of public awareness of NDEAM, and was a way to respond to recent articles that featured local business owners complaining about being short staffed or having unreliable staff members. Cathy Dobson from The Journal prepared the article, which also featured a jobPath graduate from over 12 years ago, and it should be published on their website in early November 2022.
 - On October 10, 2022, we started our latest jobPath Employment Discovery Workshop with a full group of 7 new participants. This group will be together for 6 weeks in class, from Monday to Thursday, and on Fridays we are meeting with them virtually, one on one. This gives us an opportunity to check in on each person individually and allows us the time to offer positive feedback and constructive criticism that is unique to each participant. This group will graduate on November 17, 2022.
 - We made new connections with businesses in locksmithing, personal care, commercial cleaning, manufacturing, auto repair, and retail. We will be working with these new members of our network over the coming months to see how we can help them fill their hiring needs.
 - Evan Dawe will be filling the role of Manager of Employment Services during Laura Stokely's maternity leave. Evan's role of Employment Supports Coordinator will be filled by Julie Whitson for the duration of Laura's absence. Julie originally joined CLSL as a Summer Job Coach through our Summer Employment Transitions program in 2021, and worked with SET again during the summer of 2022. She also worked with us as a jobPath Job Coach since September 2022.

4. Community Living Wallaceburg

Wendy Smith

- The Santa Claus Parade held on Saturday, November 19, 2022 went well.
- A radio campaign promoting employment opportunities was started: looking to get intakes to help fill available jobs.



5. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County

Kim D’Hooghe

- N/A

6. Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton

Michelle Parks

- Offer wellness and emotional support
- Anyone interested, they are training 10 new Safe Talk trainers and you can attend free workshops for ages 16 years and up (Safe Talk Training)

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. December SEAC Meeting

Motion By Kayla Murphy and seconded by Brenda Roby to defer the December 19, 2022 SEAC Meeting until January 16, 2023. **Carried.**

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Mental Health and Wellbeing Updates

Chris Preece

- SSCDSB has been chosen to participate in a comprehensive Eating Disorder Prevention Strategy with School Mental Health Ontario - looking at strategies within the three tiers: classroom lessons, small group work and one-to-one support.
- Social Emotional Learning – Marc Nead is the Education Facilitator for this work and he is doing a situational review of what this looks like in our board. A report will be written after the review is complete which will guide a field test of this work with an intentional, purposeful strategy to implement SEL through an evidence-based approach. Dr. Kim Schonert-Reichel is leading a community of practice for SCCDSB in which she is providing a deeper understanding of the SEL skills and how to put this work into practice.
- ACCESS CANADA - Youth Wellness Hub - The Sarnia Lambton Youth Wellness Hub is being sponsored by the Mike Weir Foundation and it will open in January 2023. It is located in downtown Sarnia and will house several community partners that will serve youth ages 11-25 for wellbeing needs. Kendal Ross, owner of Growth Mindset, will be providing physical literacy programs to this facility.



2. Youth Engagement

Chris Preece

- Access Open Mind is going to be called Youth Wellness Club and will be open to children 11 to 18 years of age. This opened in Chatham already and will open in Sarnia in January, in partnership with Mike Weir and Kendal Ross.
- Family Engagement - Student Support and Wellbeing Team worked with school staff to host a family night at Monsignor Uyen. It was called "Be Kind to Your Mind" and it was quite successful. Over 60 families attended with 5 community partners providing resources on mental health and wellbeing. The team will create a standardized template for this work and will host more of these nights at other schools.

3. Secondary Life Skills Notes

Terri Rawlings

- Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board met with Hollie and Katie last week to share information about their experiential learning strategies and employment kits. BHNCD SB has been in the process of sharing in-depth K-course frameworks with SCCDSB. We will share the findings with our secondary teams to consider applications for our life skills programs.

4. SERCC Update

Lisa Thompson-Power/Terri Rawlings

- The conference focused on networking and sharing new initiatives, as well as regional issues; many initiatives centred on structured literacy, evidenced-based math programs, promoting inclusion and collaboration among teams (ABA, Wellbeing, CST)
- Issues in the region included critical evaluation of IEPs, transition into high schools, and life skills programs in the high schools
- KC Knudson presented on Accommodations for All: How Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Creates More Equitable Classrooms
- School Mental Health Ontario highlighted resources included:
 - **Classroom Considerations** - Students with special education needs benefit from many of the same strategies that support wellness in all students. While support in this area will need to be individualized, there are some broad considerations that can be helpful for students with special education needs.
 - **Sensory Strategies** - This resource provides sensory strategies to help promote inclusion in mentally healthy learning environments. Universal strategies for sensory and movement activities can help promote learning and wellbeing for all students.
 - **Communication Strategies** - These key communication strategies can help promote inclusion in mentally healthy learning environments both in-person



and virtual, and support the well-being of students with special education needs by developing their mental health literacy skills.

- **Supporting Minds: Strategies-at-a-glance** - This guide provides an overview of common mental health issues. It includes suggestions for differentiated instructional strategies and/or accommodations.

G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- 1. Jennifer shared that the Board recently had a 'retirement celebration' for Carol and welcomed Jann Tooshkenig to the Board of Trustees.**
- 2. Jennifer thanked the department for all of their hard work.**

H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, January 16, 2023

Monday, February 13, 2023

Monday, March 20, 2023

Monday, April 17, 2023

Monday, May 15, 2023

Monday, June 19, 2023

K. CLOSING PRAYER

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion By Kayla Murphy and Brendy Roby to adjourn the November 21, 2022 SEAC Meeting at 7:15 p.m. **Carried.**