

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Chatham-Kent

Community Living Sarnia-Lambton

Community Living Wallaceburg

Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton

Pathways Health Centre for Children

Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent

Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County

Trustees

Principal/Vice Principal Representatives

Board Advisors

Guests

Regrets

Absent

Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley

Brenda Roby

Patricia Peters

Michelle Parks

Melanie Coll

Gabriela Todino

Garth Lepine

Jennifer McCann

Brenda Rumble

Tiffany Clarke (VP)

Mike Giroux

Lisa Demers

Jennifer Morrow

Terri Rawlings

Chris Preece

Lisa Thompson-Power

Hollie Sparling

Toyin Jegede

Kayla Taylor

Janice Cornell

Heather Molyneaux

Natascha de Boer

Hollie Sparling

Ryan Allaer



## A. CALL TO ORDER

### 1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

### 2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - March 18, 2024 (Motion)

**Motion By** Melanie Coll and seconded by Brenda Roby to adopt the SEAC Agenda of Monday, March 18, 2024. **Carried.**

### 3. Review of SEAC Minutes - February 12, 2024 (Motion)

**Motion By** Brenda Roby and seconded by Melanie Coll to adopt the SEAC Minutes of Monday, February 12, 2024. **Carried.**

## B. PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Black History Month

Toyin Jegede

- Graduation Coach is a new position that is funded by the Ministry of Education
- The Coach works closely with the students and families of UCC and provides a safe place for black students
- The program has a collaborative approach where people “walk” with the students to provide support through mentorship, and promoting inclusion
- Allows the student’s to have a voice by them indicating what they need to see at UCC
- Testimony from students revealed that the program has supported and helped them grow academically, socially and emotionally
- Some events for Black History Month included: a display at UCC from the Buxton Museum, Chatham-Kent Black Excellence Gala Night, and Black History Month Panel Discussion with guest speakers
- Future plans include African Diaspora Youth Conference, Multiculturalism Week, Black Parent Information Night, Scholarship Cafe, After School Workshops and Celebrating Black Excellence at UCC

### 2. Speech Language Pathologists-Service Delivery

Kayla Taylor, Janice Cornell,  
Heather Molyneaux,  
Natascha de Boer

- Moving to a Tiered Service Model that promotes inclusion, and provides universal supports to all students in the school environment
- Tier 1 services provide core intervention for all students. The focus is on classroom-based supports and strategies and are non-child specific. These interventions are to reduce the barriers to learning and provide indicators for early intervention
- Tier 2 services provide the education team with more supplemental instruction to support student’s individual needs. Supports are targeted and are of greater frequency and duration. The SLP determines if the child and family need more



intensive and personalized services through consultation with the school team and classroom observations

- Tier 3 services may require formal or standardized assessments to determine the student's strengths and needs and to support a diagnosis by a physician or psychologist, or support a SEA claim for technology. It is intended to be highly individualized for students requiring the highest level of intervention
- The goal of a Tiered Service Delivery Model is to build capacity in educators, promote inclusion, and to support all students within our school community

## C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

### 1. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley

- Rob McLandress' Make a Dream Come True Fund was made possible through a bequest to Community Living Chatham-Kent by the late Father James Williams
- The Fund will accept applications until April 12, 2024 to provide people who have diverse abilities the opportunity to fulfill a dream. The two awards of \$1,000.00 each will be announced during the CLC-K Flag Raising on May 2, 2024 at the Civic Centre.

### 2. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton

Brenda Roby

- Most recent jobPath group finished on February 9, 2024. CLS-L is now moving forward with job development for those who are ready for competitive employment
- The work with the new Employment Ontario Integrated Services (EOIS) has been proceeding very well. EOIS will be a way for us to serve even more job seekers with disabilities moving forward
- Mayor Mike Bradley put CLS-L in touch with a University of Guelph PhD student named Dishan Fernando, who is curating a disability-related story for Peoples' Archive of Rural Ontario. He will be interviewing one of our past participants to hear their story, and will be speaking to other staff to include in the article he is writing
- The Cold Water Plunge took place on February 10, 2024 and helped raise over \$38,000.00 in support of the Special Olympics

### 3. Community Living Wallaceburg

Patricia Peters

- Nominations for the Emer and Dale Dudley Distinguished Community Service Award are now being accepted and can be found on the website
- The Box Lunch is returning on April 18, 2024 and is celebrating its 20th year anniversary. Funds raised supports people with diverse abilities
- We are hosting the 29th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, June 28, 2024 at Maple City Country Club. This event raises hundreds of thousands of dollars to empower people with developmental disabilities

### 4. Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton

Michelle Parks

- In the past, the Suicide Prevention Committee of Sarnia-Lambton has been funded through the United Way. This funding is not happening now and they are looking



for new funding

#### **5. Pathways Health Centre for Children**

Melanie Coll

- Pathways is hosting a number of events in their Parent and Caregiver Connections in March and April, as well as a Trauma Informed Care Workshops. The links can be found below:
  - [Pathways Connections](#)
  - [Trauma Informed Care](#)

#### **6. Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent**

Gabriela Todino

- The Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent is starting a social skills program this month. The program runs for 10 weeks and assists elementary school aged children to interact with peers

#### **7. Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County**

Garth Lepine

- March 21, 2024 is World Down Syndrome Day - wear funky socks to promote awareness
- In June 2024, the Sarnia Lambton Library is hosting a Life After High School performance
- We are working to get funding from the government to promote inclusion in the community

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

- N/A

### **E. NEW BUSINESS (Motion)**

- N/A

### **F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **1. Mental Health and Wellbeing Updates**

Chris Preece

- Social Emotional Learning Training happened on February 15, 2024. Our SEL schools came together with other schools to train peer-to-peer. This was well received and seven more schools were trained
- There will be a Social Emotional Learning and Wellbeing Celebration June 19-20, 2024, featuring Dr. Kim Schonert-Reichl. We will be doing school visits and looking at what our schools have done
- On April 24, 2024, both Sarnia-Lambton and Chatham-Kent will come together with community partners to look at PPM 169 and how we will be moving forward with our strategic plan, under the guidelines of the PPM
- March 1, 2024 was World Unplug Day. This was a very successful event in our schools: students recognized the importance of unplugging and prizes were outdoor themed (e.g., passes to Provincial parks)



- The theme for Mental Health Week this year will be "Healing Through Compassion" and will take place May 5-10, 2024. More information will follow

## 2. Special Olympics Events

Hollie Sparling

- [Special Olympics School Championships](#) will be hosted in Chatham-Kent on June 10-12, 2024. This event will be geared toward secondary athletes aged 14-21. This is the first time the event has been hosted in Chatham in 26 years
- St Patrick's High School hosted two Special Olympics qualifying events this year: basketball and bocce ball
- Special Olympics Ontario is hosting a Sports Festival at St. Angela Merici Catholic School for elementary students on Friday, April 5, 2024. The goal is to provide developmentally-appropriate programming that teaches the fundamentals of movement through a sport-like setting, and fostering a love for physical activity and sportsmanship. The link for this event is posted below:
- [School Sports Festivals](#)

## 3. Enrichment Activities/Screening Process

Lisa Thompson-Power

- All grade four students in the board are screened every year. Those who meet the criteria are invited to participate in the Enrichment Opportunity, which includes students from grades five to eight
- A new screening tool will be introduced this year: the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test 7 (CCAT7). It is the most widely used cognitive screening tool in Canada. It is standardized and is used to assess reasoning skills and problem solving abilities related to learning in our schools
- Some of the enrichment activities this year have included: Lambton College STEM course, Ebits which are mini courses designed to be completed in one hour (our students completed Robots, Road Signs and Geodesic Domes); SheepDog Animation who taught our students how to create short animated films, including post-production and sound. Other activities included Communications/Photography-using green screen to create photos using themselves in a fantasy image

## 4. New EA Orientation

Jen Morrow

- In an attempt to replenish our EA supply list, the board has expanded our scope of experience to include nursing and policing services
- A new EA Orientation package was developed by members of the ABA, CST and Wellbeing Teams. Twelve new hirees were involved in the orientation, as well as BMS training, and the feedback from the participants was very positive

## G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- There was a presentation by Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School and Heather Hagan who spoke of the new settlers that have come into their school community



H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- N/A

I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- N/A

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, April 15, 2024

Monday, May 13, 2024

Monday, June 17, 2024

K. CLOSING PRAYER

L. ADJOURNMENT (Motion)

**Motion By** Brenda Roby and seconded by Melanie Coll to adjourn the SEAC meeting of Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:06 p.m. **Carried.**