



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Chatham-Kent	Steve Stokley
Community Living Wallaceburg	Patricia Peters
Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton	Michelle Parks
Pathways Health Centre for Children	Melanie Coll
Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County	Garth Lepine
Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent	TBD
Community Living Sarnia-Lambton	Kristy Bodkin
Trustees	Jennifer McCann Brenda Rumble
Principal/Vice Principal Representatives	Karoline Lobsinger Alishia Thompson (VP)
Board Advisors	Jennifer Morrow Stephanie Orrange Lori Brush Katie Papanayotou Lisa Thompson-Power Hollie Sparling
Guests	Lisa Veenendaal
Absent	Michelle Parks Garth Lepine



A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - January 19, 2026 (Motion)

Motion By Steve Stokley and seconded by Patricia Peters to adopt the SEAC Agenda of Monday, January 19, 2026. **Carried.**

3. Review of SEAC Minutes - November 17, 2025 (Motion)

Motion By Steve Stokley and seconded by Melanie Coll to adopt the SEAC Minutes of Monday, November 17, 2025. **Carried.**

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. CICE Program at Lambton College: Lisa Veenendaal

- March 28, 2026 - Open House (CICE application fees will be paid by the college on this date)
- Applications focus on abilities rather than disabilities - Students apply through Ontario Colleges (ontariocolleges.ca) and the process also includes an interview
- There are no barriers - applicants could have an OSSD, OSSC or COA, or be an adult learner
- Students need to have a desire to be in the program and not require supervision during breaks
- Students are fully integrated into life at Lambton College
- 40 students (20 first-year & 20 second-year) in the program supported by 20 staff (coordinator/field liaison, faculty, learning specialists, field supervisors, etc.)
- Highly individualized program customized to a student's interest and their level of ability
- 1 hour of tutoring for each class with a learning specialist (i.e. to review, complete assignments, modify and/or accommodate material)
- Students choose an area of specialization (i.e. child care), an elective and foundational CICE courses (i.e. self-advocacy skills, transition planning, job coaching, etc.)
- Students receive transportation training to help them to learn to travel to placements independently
- Student's courses include homework, assignments and tests to help to prepare them for the world of work
- Students manage their personal care, communication (email/phone) and medication
- Graduates report increased employability skills, employment opportunities, higher confidence and independence
- Alumni regularly participate in Lambton College activities after graduation
- To help students to prepare to apply for CICE: set academic expectations, give



assignments/ tests/ etc., work on literacy and math skills (no test is required for admission), practice using email, practice time management and self-regulation skills, pursue volunteer and work experience if possible, etc.

- January 21, 2026 - Information Night for applicants and their families (5-7 pm), an additional date will be scheduled in the Spring
- CICE is open to hosting SCCDSB staff for program tours and information sessions

2. **Draft School Year Calendar: Jen Morrow**

- Labour Day is September 7, 2026 but the school year must include 194 days before the end of June
- Proposed calendar: September 8, 2026 - June 29, 2027 for students, with 2 PA days for staff before Labour Day (Thursday, September 3, 2026 and Friday, September 4, 2026)
- Calendar will be shared with trustees at the February board meeting, and once approved, must be submitted to the Ministry for final approval by March 1, 2026
- Draft calendar aligns with co-terminus boards (LKDSB and The Conseil scolaire catholique Providence)

C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. **Community Living Chatham-Kent: Steve Stokley**

- January 28, 2026 at 6-7:30 pm - Book launch for updated *Safe and Secure: Seven Steps on the Path to a Good Life With Disabilities*
- To take place at 1019 Park Avenue West in Chatham (old Parkview Restaurant), in partnership with the Children's Treatment Centre

2. **Community Living Wallaceburg: Patricia Peters**

- CLW is celebrating 70th anniversary this year
- Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 2-6 pm - Career Fair, including onsite interviews
- Valentine's Day Dance details to be announced soon

3. **Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton: Michelle Parks**

- N/A

4. **Pathways Health Centre for Children: Melanie Coll**

- N/A

5. **Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County: Garth Lepine**

- N/A

6. **Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent: TBD**

- N/A



7. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton: Kristy Bodkin

- Summer Camp registration details to be announced soon

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: Lori Brush

- In December, SCCDSB staff (including social workers, CYWs, SLPs, ABA team, consultants, etc.) received twelve hours of trauma-informed training facilitated by *Life Seasons*
- Dialectical Behaviour Therapy training is ongoing for all team members
- *Right Time, Right Care* Memorandum of Understanding between board and community agencies is close to being finalized
- A Youth Summit being planned for the Spring to address gaps identified in school climate surveys
- Increased staffing complement in secondary schools to respond to increase in referrals - each secondary school now has a full-time social worker and CYW

2. VTRA Level 1 Training: Stephanie Orange

- March 14-15, 2026: two-day Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) training will be offered by Kevin Cameron at the CEC
- Registration links to be posted via SchoolCashOnline (\$400 fee)

3. Special Education Staffing Updates: Stephanie Orange

- A fourth Registered Behaviour Analyst (RBA) has been hired to join the ABA team
- A posting for a Psychologist, a new position, closes this week
- Board plans to hire two additional teachers for the Collaborative Support Team in the Spring, when supply teacher levels improve

G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- EQAO results were recently shared; the results were good but there is room for improvement and next steps
- OCTSCA conference was recently attended by SCCDSB trustees

H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- N/A



I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- N/A

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, February 9, 2026

Monday, March 23, 2026

Monday, April 13, 2026

Monday, May 11, 2026

Monday, June 15, 2026

K. CLOSING PRAYER

L. ADJOURNMENT (Motion)

Motion by Steve Stokley and **seconded by** Melanie Coll to adjourn the SEAC meeting of Monday, January 19, 2026, at 6:20 p.m. **Carried.**