

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	Renee VanDamme Marcus
Regrets	Kristy Bodkin
Absent	Garth Lepine



A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - November 17, 2025 (Motion)

Motion By Patricia Peters and seconded by Steve Stokley to adopt the SEAC Agenda of Monday, November 17, 2025. **Carried.**

3. Review of SEAC Minutes - October 20, 2025 (Motion)

Motion by Melanie Coll and seconded by Michelle Parks to adopt the SEAC Minutes of Monday, October 20, 2025. **Carried.**

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Skilled Trades EL Opportunities: Renee VanDamme Marcus

- Tech Trucks were set up at both high schools and at the CEC, providing students with opportunities to explore and learn about various skilled trades. The trucks supported SHSM and STEM programming and offered valuable hands-on activities that connected directly to curriculum goals.
- Board staff assisted in running the tech simulators, giving students meaningful, real-world learning experiences close to home. The truck is fully funded by the Ministry and is accessible to all students, including those with diverse needs.
- Students were able to participate in a wide range of experiential learning activities including welding, automotive work, cake decorating, and electrical trades, among others.
- The Tech Trucks arrived with two volunteers, who spoke highly of our students' engagement, enthusiasm, and respect throughout the visit. Overall, this was a very positive and enriching experience for both staff and students.

C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. Community Living Chatham-Kent: Steve Stokley

- N/A

2. Community Living Wallaceburg: Patricia Peters

- The Community Living float was in the Christmas parade this weekend. They had a lot of supported individuals participating.
- Accessible Van - getting closer to the goal thanks to everyone who is helping



3. Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton: Michelle Parks

- The next meeting is tomorrow, November 18, 2025.
- Story Shifters is hosting a session tomorrow. For more information, contact Michelle Parks.

4. Pathways Health Centre for Children: Melanie Coll

- The Secret Santa Shop is underway and we have had more than enough volunteers. Thank you for spreading the word.
- Changes in Complex Special Needs Funding - Melanie will share the information by email
- CSP planners will be heading up the program and supporting families with funding needs.

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

- N/A

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

E. NEW BUSINESS (Motion)

1. That SEAC defer the December 2025 meeting and meet in January 2026.

- **Motion By** Patricia Peters and seconded by Melanie Coll to defer the December 2025 meeting and meet in January 2026. **Carried.**

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Mental Health and Wellbeing Updates: Lori Brush

- Our Real Talk Series has launched, beginning with a focus on what kindness means to students. A video featuring their perspective was created and shared with school teams.
- Our team is working to strengthen connections with parents and build their



capacity to support this work. To help increase engagement, students are directing key messages to parents, fostering a more meaningful and collaborative approach.

2. Update from SERCC: Hollie Sparling, Katie Papanyantou

- The conference included an informative half-day session titled "*Leading with AI: Practical Tools for Special Education Coordinators & Consultants*" delivered by the Future Design School. During this session, the team began developing an AI tool to support PRTs in reviewing and auditing IEPs to ensure alignment with Ministry and SCCDSB guidelines.
- The conference also featured a dynamic *Building Inclusive Schools* presentation by Sara Vadovic. Participants met in small groups to discuss current 'hot topics' in education, including bus safety, IEP modifications, and the transfer of SEA equipment between boards.
- Anne Elliott, Ministry of Education Field Officer, provided Ministry updates. She noted that the rollout of the new Kindergarten curriculum has been paused by the Minister of Education to ensure it is accompanied by a comprehensive package of teaching resources. Kindergarten will remain play-based but will formally be referred to as a curriculum for the first time, creating a clear continuum with the Grade 1 Language and Math curricula.

3. Special Education Presentations: Stephanie Orrange

Special Education Professional Development:

- **NTIP Presentations:** May, November, December 2025
Specialist Teachers (French, Music, and Physical Education): October 2025 PD Day
Program Resource Teachers: Michael Jacques, Guest Speaker
Education Assistants, Special Education Department, and Specialists: Shelley Moore's presentation on inclusivity in schools

Preschool Transitions:

- For all parents with children starting school in September 2026:
 - **Chatham-Kent Schools:** November 20, 2025 at 6:00–7:30 PM. Childcare is available on-site. Pre-registration is required.
 - **Sarnia:** December 4, 2025 at 6:00–7:30 PM. Session is virtual only.
 - Contact **Pathways** and **Chatham Treatment Centres** to register.



G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- Presentation from St. Angela Merici Catholic School
- Purchase offer made for former St. Ursula Catholic School site in Chatham-Kent

H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- N/A

I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- N/A

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, January 19, 2026

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 Michelle Parks and **seconded by** Melanie Coll to adjourn the SEAC meeting of Monday, November 17, 2025, at 6:09 p.m. **Carried.**