

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – Ursuline Board Room

### MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Wallaceburg	Derek McGivern
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Derek Jane
Epilepsy Support Centre	Tabitha Vercillo & Melissa Perry
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D'Hooghe
Lambton County Developmental Services	Carla Alway
Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent	Clare Latimer
Trustee	Michelle Parks Brenda Rumble
Principals Representatives	Cynthia Blair Stacy Shepley Juli Faubert Ed Freeburn
Board Advisors	Deb Crawford Brendan Deery Janet Boyle Sara Vadovic Christine Preece Lisa Thompson-Power

Regrets: Carla Alway; Michelle Parks; Kim D'Hooghe

Absent: Juli Faubert, Cynthia Blair, Melissa Perry

*Brenda Rumble*  
*SEAC Chairperson*

*Deb Crawford*  
*Board Advisor*

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Welcome & Opening Prayer
- B. Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION BY** Claire Latimer and seconded by Derek McGivern to adopt the agenda.

**CARRIED**

- C. Review of Minutes from May 16, 2016

**MOTION BY** Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Derek McGivern to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2016 SEAC meeting.

**CARRIED**

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A Provincial Special Education Review

Brendan Deery

- Slide deck provided an overview of the updated ministry report regarding Special Education programs, services and special education funding.
- The categories of exceptionalities were reviewed and the demographics of exceptionalities were highlighted. Expect some new definitions and guidelines put out by the ministry sometime next year.
- EQAO results comparing 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 as well as 2002-03 to 2013 -14 were reviewed and compared.
- System Supports were highlighted and reviewed.
- An overview of Special Education Funding was presented as well as the Guide to Special Education funding and some of the changes to the funding model.

- B. What is Applied Behaviour Analysis Module?

Brendan Deery

- Brendan shared module two of twelve from the Geneva Center free online Introduction to Autism modules. All EAs in the Board are doing training involving these modules. Any staff member in our Board can access the presentation through the Geneva Centre for Autism, free online series. The module we watched is called "What is Applied Behaviour Analysis?"
- On the June 6<sup>th</sup> PD Day, all Educational Assistants were required to complete the first three modules in the Introduction to Autism series. EAs will continue to train using these modules next year.

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg

Derek McGivern

- Their 60<sup>th</sup> AGM is September 29<sup>th</sup>.

- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Derek Jane

- No report

- C. Epilepsy Support Centre

Tabitha Vercillo & Meilssa Perry

- No report

- D. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
  - No report
- E. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County Kim D’Hooghe
  - No report
- F. Lambton County Developmental Services Carla Alway
  - No report
- G. Learning Disabilities of Chatham Kent Clare Latimer
  - Summer programs are filling up but there is still room to register.

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

- A. N/A

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. N/A

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Update on the St. Clair Catholic District School Board’s Autism Initiative for 2016-17 Sara Vadovic
  - In the fall, the Autism Support Team will continue to focus on social skills training and implementation of the Structured Learning Environment in the secondary setting.
  - The Ministry continues to partner with Geneva and four online certificate courses will be offered this fall.
  - The Ministry will be paying the registration fees for Geneva’s summer learning two day training. We are waiting to hear how many spots our Board will be given.
- B. Update on the June 6<sup>th</sup> EA PD Day Lisa Thompson-Power
  - The morning was spent on Collaborative and Proactive Solutions. The focus was on the belief that “kids do well if they can” as well as the Assessment of Lagging Skills and Unsolved Problems (ALSUP). Once the team presents tomorrow, the Principals, EAs and PRTs will be at the same place in their in-service.
  - The afternoon was spent completing the first three free online modules through Geneva Center for Autism.
- C. Update on the PRT Family of Schools Meeting Lisa Thompson-Power
  - In our smaller PRT cluster groups, the focus was on the ALSUP and how to ensure the identified unsolved problems are specific. The PRTs were asked to bring and share a completed ALSUP that they worked on with their school team.
- D. ASET Conference Janet Boyle

- Janet and Joan Martell attended this conference together. ASET (Association for Special Education Technology) is a network of adaptive and assistive technology consultants, teachers, technicians and support staff from different school boards across Ontario, dedicated to the support of students with special needs through the use of technology. The afternoon consisted of a wide variety of break-out sessions. Various workshops provided information on different types of software programs and ways to integrate technology into the curriculum.

E. Accessibility Plan 2016-2017

Deb Crawford

- This plan describes the measures that the St. Clair Catholic District School Board has taken in the past as well as measures that will be taken during the next year (2016-2017) to identify, remove and prevent barriers for people with disabilities who work in, use, or attend school board facilities and services.
- Deb highlighted a few of the key points from the report and encouraged everyone to read it when it is posted on the Board's website, later this week.

F. Community Organization presentation for 2016-17

Brendan Deery

- Brendan invited members of SEAC to take turns and present for 10 minutes at each SEAC for next year. There was great interest from committee members. The presentation can be from the SEAC committee member themselves, or a representative from their organization. Each group will present on the date listed below:
  - Learning Disabilities of Chatham/Kent – October 17, 2016
  - Community Living Wallaceburg – November 21, 2016
  - Community Living Chatham/Kent – December 19, 2016
  - Voice for Hearing Impaired Children – January 16, 2017
  - Epilepsy Support Center – February 13, 2017
  - Down Syndrome Association Lambton County – April 10, 2017
  - Lambton county Developmental Services – May 15, 2017

G. Update on School Climate Survey

Christine Preece

- The survey is completed and currently being analyzed.
- A Board Report will be written and each school will be given an individual school report.

**7. Reports from the Board**

- The main focus has been on finalizing the budget.

Brenda Rumble

**8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- A. Derek Jane asked if Autism Ontario could join the SEAC Committee? The answer was Yes.

**9. SEAC MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016-2017:**

September 19, 2016  
October 17, 2016  
November 21, 2016

December 19, 2016  
January 16, 2017  
February 13, 2017

March 20, 2017  
April 10, 2017  
May 15, 2017  
June 12, 2017

**10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

A. SEAC committee members will take turns presenting at future SEAC meetings.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

<p><b>MOTION BY</b> Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Derek McGivern to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm.</p>
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