

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 16, 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: Christine Preece, Sara Vadovic, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Deb Crawford

Absent: Cynthia Blair, Stacy Shepley, Cynthia Blair, Melissa Perry, Brenda Rumble

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Deb Crawford
Board Advisor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

MOTION BY Derek Jane and seconded by Clare Latimer to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from April 18, 2016

MOTION BY Kim D'Hooghe and seconded by Derek McGivern to accept the minutes from the April 18, 2016 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Special Education Budget

Amy Janssens

- Key resources on the Ministry of Education website were highlighted which included 2016-2017 Education Funding: A Guide to the Special Education Grant as well as Memorandum 2016 B06 Grants for Special Needs Funding for 2016-17 <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/funding.html>
- A Special Education Budget outline was provided indicating the revenues and expenditures to allow comparison between 2015-2016 and 2016-2017
- There are 6 allocations of the Special Education Grant: Special Education Per Pupil Amount (SEPPA); Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (DSENA); Behavioural Expertise Amount (BEA); SEA Equipment (SEA); Section 23 Facilities Amount; Pupil Foundation Grant
- 2016-2017: Good News Story
- End of cuts at this time; potential increase in supports

- B. Characteristics of Autism

Brendan Deery

- All Educational Assistants will be completing online training (12 modules) in the area of Autism
- Certificates are awarded at the conclusion of the training
- Methods/strategies covered in the modules can be used with a number of students in the classroom
- Educational Assistants will be completing the first 3 modules on the June 6, 2016 PD Day

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg

Derek McGivern

- May is "Community Living Month"
- Tickets are available for golf tournament at Maple City Golf and Country Club; contact Community Living for more information

- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Derek Jane

- No Report

- C. Epilepsy Support Centre Tabitha Vercillo
- Pleased with the response from the SCCDSB
 - All but 8 schools in the SCCDSB have participated in the Epilepsy Classroom Presentation
- 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
- JumpStart Teen Transition Fair will be held on May 31, 2016 in Chatham-Kent
 - A similar Transition Fair was held in Sarnia-Lambton in the Fall 2015
 - Partnership with Habitat for Humanity – building a house in Sarnia
- G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent Clare Latimer
- The 2016 Summer Program brochure was shared
 - Programs offered this summer include Tutoring; Friends for Life; Social Skills; and Secondary School Preparation Course (SOAR)
 - Information on scholarships offered through the LDAO is also outlined in the brochure
 - Pleased with response to the social skills program from students in the SCCDSB

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- A. N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. N/A

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Special Education Report - Changes Brendan Deery
- Each Board is required to maintain a Special Education Plan, review it annually and make revisions, and to submit any amendment(s) to the Ministry for review
 - The changes to the report for the current school year 2015 – 2016 were highlighted
 - Motion to accept the amendments to the 2015 – 2016 Special Education Report was made by Derek McGivern and seconded by Clare Latimer
 - The Report will be available on the Board website

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- A. At the April 26, 2016 Board Meeting, several policies were presented for information. The Board appointed Victoria Stepnowski, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School and Maxx McGlynn, Ursuline College Catholic Secondary School as Student Trustees for the 2016 – 2017 school year. Michelle Parks recognized the current Student Trustees Jack Soeder (St. Patrick’s Catholic High School) and Kaila Broadbent (Ursuline College Chatham) for their excellent work this year. Michelle Parks

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. N/A

9. NEXT MEETING DATE: June 13, 2016 at 7:00pm.

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

A. N/A

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Derek McGivern and seconded by Derek Jane to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.

CARRIED