

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – St. Louis Conference Room

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Wallaceburg	Derek McGivern
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Derek Jane
Epilepsy Support Centre	Tabitha Vercillo
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 John Van Heck
Principals Representatives	Cynthia Blair Anita Cairns Juli Faubert Ed Freeburn
Board Advisors	Deb Crawford Brendan Deery Janet Boyle Jennifer Morrow Christine Preece Lisa Thompson-Power

Regrets: C. Alway, C. Latimer, D. McGivern, C. Preece

Absent:

Michelle Parks
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 Kathy Arcuri-Arnott to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from October 26, 2015

MOTION BY Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by John Van Heck to accept the minutes from the October 26, 2015 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A Life Skills at UCC

Jennifer Morrow & Liz Hashim

- Liz Hashim, teacher in the life skills classroom at UCC, participated in a TLLP (Teacher Learning and Leadership Project) 3 years ago which brought a smartboard and 4 iPads into the life skills classroom. These devices were to be used as communication tools, educational tools and sensory tools. The focus of this presentation was on how the iPads effectively assist non-verbal students in developing their communication skills. The class consisted of 11 students who are all mostly non-verbal. Three of the students used their own iPads and the other iPads were either purchased by the life skills program or came from the TLLP project.
- The video clips demonstrated the students working on their social communication skills. The goal of one particular activity was to have students learn to identify personal information through the app Proloquo2go on their iPads and to be able to share that information when meeting people or hanging out with friends. They were also learning how to navigate within the app and practice how to physically manipulate the iPad.
- Other video clips demonstrated the students working at a teaching table (individualized, one-on-one instruction), as well students working at independent work stations.

- B Special Education Quiz

Brendan Deery

- Using Poll Everywhere, Brendan reviewed aspects of Section 4 of the Special Education Report (procedures for Early and Ongoing Identification Processes at SCCDSB), Section 8 (Categories of Exceptionality) and Section 5 (Review Committee Process).

3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg

Derek McGivern

- No report

- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Derek Jane

- No report

- C. Epilepsy Support Centre

Tabitha Vercillo

- 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 Association – Chatham Kent
- No report

Clare Latimer

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. SEA Coordinators' Council

Janet Boyle

- The first meeting of this school year was held on November 2nd at the London Catholic District School Board office. The main purpose of the Council is to provide a forum for discussion of SEA issues, to allow better communication among member Boards and to promote consistency of SEA practice among the Boards. Joy Antoniuk and Virginia Rutledge (Education Officers from the London regional office) attend to bringing new information, to share updates with SEA Guidelines and to answer questions.
- Information on a digital online Math site that has been created for the Ministry of Education Mathies.ca <<http://oame.on.ca/mathies/>> was shared by the Provincial Math Lead from London West.

B. Special Education Report – Sections 4, 5 and 8

Brendan Deery

- These sections were covered under presentations B. Special Education Quiz

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- A. The Student Accommodation and Boundary Review from Sec. B Policy and Procedures was updated based on new Ministry guidelines
- B. The Audit Committee Meeting recently reviewed audited financial statements
- C. It was recently announced that Amy Janssens will be named Executive Superintendent upon the retirement of Jim McKenzie. Further information will follow, once details of Jim's retirement are known.

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. Will information specific to epilepsy be included in the health policy?
Representatives from Epilepsy Support Centre are encouraged to review the revisions once the updated policy has been released and offer feedback at that time. The policy will be uploaded to the Board website following the next Board meeting (November 24, 2015).

9. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** January 18, 2016 at 7:00pm

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

A.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Kathy Arcuri-Arnottand seconded by Derek Jane to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

CARRIED