

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 13, 2017 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 Southwestern Ontario	Tabitha Cook
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
Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter	Tracey Haddy
Trustees	Brenda Rumble Michelle Parks
Principal Representatives	Cynthia Blair Colleen Cogghe Juli Faubert Ed Freeburn Stacy Shepley
Board Advisors	Deb Crawford Brendan Deery Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Sara Vadovic

Regrets: Michelle Parks, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Colleen Cogghe, Janet Boyle  
Absent: Tracey Haddy, Cynthia Blair, Stacy Shelpley

*Brenda Rumble*  
*SEAC Chairperson*

*Deb Crawford*  
*Board Advisor*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

**CARRIED**

- C. Review of Minutes from November 21, 2016

**MOTION BY** Derek Jane and seconded by Derek McGivern to accept the minutes from the November 21, 2016 SEAC meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Derek Jane/Angela Corso

- Provides support and services to people who have an intellectual disability
- Non- profit organization, started in 1955 by a group of concerned parents and volunteers
- 90% of funding comes from the MCYS, remainder is generated through donations, fundraising and fees
- Currently supports 550 people and their families in Chatham-Kent
- Supports individuals whose primary diagnosis is an intellectual disability
- Participation in programs and services is voluntary
- Three day programs, 20 residences that offer varying degrees of support, two respite homes (for both adult and children)
- JobWorx – over 150 placements throughout the community. Primary focus is to connect employers to qualified job seekers.
- Community support program provides support to help people be as independent as possible
- Making it Happen Program – support for young adults (18-28) who are in transition from school to life after school
- Leaders Within Training Program (started in spring 2012) – teaches public speaking and leadership skills
- New website launched a few months ago : [www.clc-k.ca](http://www.clc-k.ca)

- B. Mid-Term Report on Special Education Objectives

Brendan Deery

- Brendan reviewed and updated the committee on the progress of the eight (8) objectives the Special Education Department is focusing on this year.

### 3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Derek McGivern
- No report
- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Derek Jane
- No report
- C. Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario Tabitha Cook
- March is Epilepsy awareness month. Many fundraisers etc. happening. New partnership with the fire department.
- 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 Always
- No report
- G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent Clare Latimer
- Continue to negotiate with Sarnia on how to keep services open
- H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy
- No report

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

- A. n/a

### 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. n/a

### 6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. New Autism Specialist Position Sara Vadovic
- With the extra money from the Ministry to increase Autism supports at the school level, the Board hired a second ABA Specialist. We now have one Specialist in the North and one in the South. The two specialists work on a 6 week rotational schedule which allows more consistent support to be in our schools.
- B. Newly Hired Itinerant EA Sara Vadovic
- This position was hired as of last week, to replace Lynn Tourangeau, who was the successful candidate of the above mentioned new Board ABA Specialist position.
- C. Special Education Report Brendan Deery
- The focus of the report was based on SEA (Special Equipment Amount). There are two types of claims: SEA Per Pupil Amount and SEA Claims-Based Amount. The process of submitting both types of referrals was reviewed. Items eligible and items not eligible through the SEA process were explained as was equipment transfer and reallocation. The roles and responsibilities of various individuals in the SEA process were reviewed.

7. **REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

A. No report

8. **QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None

9. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**    **March 20, 2017 at 7:00pm.**

10. **PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

March 20, 2017 - Voice for Hearing Impaired Children

April 10, 2017 - Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario

May 15, 2017 - Down Syndrome Association Lambton County

June 12, 2017 - Lambton County Developmental Services

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY** Derek McGivern and seconded by Clare Latimer to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm.

**CARRIED**