

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 10, 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, Clare Latimer, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Sara Vadovic, Deb Crawford

Absent: Melissa Perry, Carla Alway, Ed Freeburn, Stacy Shepley

*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 Derek Jane to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from February 13, 2017

MOTION BY Kim D'Hooghe and seconded by Tabitha Cook to accept the minutes from the March 20, 2017 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario

Tabitha Cook

- Tabitha Cook, Clinic to Community Educator presented a general overview of Epilepsy
- Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario (ESWO) is a non-profit charitable organization providing support and educational services across Southwestern Ontario.
- Epilepsy is a condition of the brain characterized by recurrent seizures. Approximately one in ten Canadians will experience at least one seizure during their lifetime. A single seizure, however, is not epilepsy. Epilepsy is a condition defined by multiple seizures.
- Impact of epilepsy in Ontario: Approximately 1 in 100 people have epilepsy but in Chatham-Kent the statistic is approximately 1.6 in 100 people
- Seizure First Aid: Stay calm; time it; protect the person from injury; DO NOT restrain the person; never put anything in the person's mouth
- Clinic to Community Program (C2C) provides individuals and their families with information about seizures, seizure first aid and epilepsy as well as information on a network of support services.
- School Support Program is free of charge; funded by United Way

- B. CPS Initiative Update

Brendan Deery

- Brendan Deery provided an update on Collaborative and Proactive Solutions (CPS) which is Dr. Ross Greene's process of working with children who present behavioural challenges in schools.
- Since February 2016, the Behaviour Support Team (BST) and Consultants have introduced and trained Principals, Vice-Principals, Program Resource Teachers and Educational Assistants on the theory, the process and application of CPS.
- A half-day training session is provided to all staff working with a specific student during BST placements.
- Next Steps: Videotape testimonials from SCCDSB staff who have adopted CPS as best practice to be used in training sessions
- Continue to train staff and implement the CPS process
- Dr. Greene's website is continually updated: Lives in the Balance:
www.livesinthebalance.org

3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Derek McGivern
- Community Living Wallaceburg recently held its “Box Lunch Fundraiser” which was very successful. Approximately 1900 boxed lunches were delivered to businesses and homes across Chatham-Kent and into Lambton County.
- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Derek Jane
- No report
- C. Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario Tabitha Cook
- 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 Always
- No report
- G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent Clare Latimer
- No report
- 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. Special Education Report 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 2016-2017 were highlighted
 - Motion to accept the amendments to the 2016 – 2017 Special Education Report was made by Derek Jane and seconded by Derek McGivern
 - The Report will be available on the Board website

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- A. N/A

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 15, 2017 at 7:00pm.

10. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

May 15, 2017 - Down Syndrome Association Lambton County

June 12, 2017 - Lambton County Developmental Services

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Derek Jane and seconded by Derek McGivern to adjourn the meeting
at 8:28 p.m.

CARRIED