

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – Ursuline Room

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Wallaceburg	Derek McGivern
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Steve Stokley
Epilepsy Support Centre	Tabitha Cook 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
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	Lisa Demers Brendan Deery Janet Boyle Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Sara Vadovic

Regrets: Brenda Rumble, Michelle Parks, Melissa Perry, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Carla Alway, Cynthia Blair, Stacy Shepley, Lisa Thompson-Power, Sara Vadovic

Absent:

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Lisa Demers
Board Advisor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from April

MOTION BY Kim D’Hooghe and seconded by Derek McGivern to accept the minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting.

CARRIED

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Navigating the System for Families

C. Edwards, C. Preece

- The areas of focus of the SCCDSB Social Workers are crisis assessment and intervention; student mental health concerns; family home issues; bereavement and grief; community linkages for students with special needs; and behavioural needs.
- The role of the Social Worker includes school support including assisting students, teachers and administration to develop solutions to factors that impact a student’s ability to learn; case management; counselling for students and families; administration of evidence-based mental health assessments; as well as the Compassionate Care Team.
- Referral process occurs when a need for support is identified. Family-centred services is the focus using a strength-based approach. The Social Worker supports by coordinating services, advocacy and mediation; support family with working through the barriers.

- B. Board Accessibility Report

Lisa Demers

- The Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) requires each School Board to prepare an annual accessibility plan, to consult with people with disabilities in preparation of this plan and to make the plan public. The six barriers identified are physical, architectural, information or communication, attitudinal, technological, and barriers created by policies or practices.
- The SCCDSB Accessibility Plan is vetted through Executive Council, brought to SEAC and then to the Board of Trustees. The Plan is posted to the Board’s website annually.

- C. Special Education Report

Brendan Deery

- Every year we are required to update the Special Education Report. Brendan outlined the changes that have been made for this year. SEAC must approve the changes before the report is brought to the Board of Trustees. The motion: “SEAC agrees to accept the Special Education Report 2017-2018 as amended” was made by Derek McGivern and seconded by Tabitha Cook. The Report will be posted on the Board’s website following receipt of the report by the Board of Trustees.

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg

Derek McGivern

- 3 Rivers Roll is June 19th

- Annual Golf Classic at Maple City Country Club on May 25th

- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Steve Stokley
- Summer Employment Program – funding received for four individuals
 - Partnered with St. Clair College for a summer program
- C. Epilepsy Support Centre Tabitha Cook
- Ontario Trillium Foundation funding to support school programs
 - An Epilepsy Neurologist has been secured for September
 - Tabitha Cook will be leaving SEAC as result of employment change
- 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 Clare Latimer
- Summer Program brochure will be forwarded shortly
- H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy
- There are scholarships available for secondary schools for students with ASD as well as their siblings.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- A. N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. N/A

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Autism Pilot Brendan Deery
- SCCDSB is one of 11 Boards with an Autism pilot program during the 2017-2018 school year. A designated space at St. Matthew Catholic School, Sarnia is up and running and EA training has been in place. The Board has hired a BCBA who works very closely with TVCC. The Project Coordinator and BCBA have been training 15 EAs involving 40 hours of online training plus 10 hours of PLCs.
- B. Enrichment – Field Trip Brendan Deery
- The classroom sessions of the Enrichment Opportunity, supported by teachers at both St. Patrick’s and UCC involved a variety of topics including encryption activities, Math/Science activities, coding, computer science, electricity and visual arts. The students from the Chatham-Kent schools will be visiting St. Clair College for the end of the year field trip. The students from Sarnia–Lambton will visit Lambton College.
- C. Psycho Educational Consultant – Mirra Lefort Brendan Deery

- Mirra Lafort, Educational Consultant has been hired to complete our psycho-educational assessments. Mirra started May 1st and has been working in the schools to complete the assessments.

7. **REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

N/A

8. **QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

9. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

June 11, 2018

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY Derek McGivern and seconded by Tracey Haddy to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED