

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – St. Louis Conference Room

### MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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| Community Living Wallaceburg                     | Derek McGivern  |
| Community Living Chatham-Kent                    | Derek Jane  |
| Epilepsy Support Centre                          | Tabitha Cook<br>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<br>Michelle Parks   |
| Principal Representatives                        | Cynthia Blair<br>Colleen Cogghe<br>Juli Faubert<br>Ed Freeburn<br>Stacy Shepley                     |
| Board Advisors                                   | Deb Crawford<br>Brendan Deery<br>Janet Boyle<br>Chris Preece<br>Lisa Thompson-Power<br>Sara Vadovic |

Regrets: Carla Always, Chris Preece,

Absent: Tabitha Cook, Melissa Perry, Tracey Haddy, Cynthia Blair, Juli Faubert

*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 June 12, 2017

**MOTION BY** Clare Latimer and seconded by Kathy Arcuri-Arnott to accept the minutes from the June 12, 2017 SEAC meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. Review of Special Education Roles and Responsibilities Brendan Deery
  - Brendan shared the Roles and Responsibilities Chart for September 2017 for our board.
- 2. Review of Special Education Objectives 2017-2018 Brendan Deery
  - Brendan shared the 11 objectives on which the special education department will focus for the 2017-2018 year.
- 3. Introduction to the Special Education in Ontario Kindergarten to Grade 12 Document Brendan Deery
  - This is the updated document for Special Education from the Ministry of Ontario, released in 2017
  - This policy governs special education in Ontario. This document includes information from previous special education documents from the Ministry dating back to 2000. Few changes have been made to policies relating to special education.
  - Brendan summarized the document through the power point presentation
  - This document is available on line via the Ministry of Education website. It supersedes previous documents outlining policies relating to special education.
  - Brendan highlighted how this document relates back to our board's Special Education Report submitted to the Ministry annually.

**4. ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Derek McGivern
  - Annual AGM is this Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Country View Golf Course
  - Summer events – family friendly bike rides through Wallaceburg, car washes, etc. All were a great success.
- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Derek Jane
  - Summer events like the walkathon were all successful.
- C. Epilepsy Support Centre Tabitha Cook
  - N/A
- D. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
  - N/A

- E. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County Kim D'Hooghe  
 • N/A
- F. Lambton County Developmental Services Carla Always  
 • N/A
- G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent Clare Latimer  
 • Fall 2017 Pamphlet for Tutoring and Social Skills is available and the Fall newsletter is also available.
- H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy  
 • N/A

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- A. N/A

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. N/A

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Lexia Core Reading Program Brendan Deery
- The board has purchased this program for students who are not meeting benchmarks in reading. Five hundred licenses have been purchased. The initial focus will be on grade 2 students who have been identified as struggling readers by the school team and on students who have been IPRC'd as Communication: Learning Disability and are reading between a grade 1 to a grade 5 level.
  - The program will enhance the work being done with students in reading. The program is web-based and can be accessed at home and at school.
  - Training will be provided to all school administrators, gr. 2 teachers and program resource teachers on September 20 and 21, 2017.
  - The grade 2 teacher and the program resource teacher will be responsible for implementing the program in the schools.
- B. 2017-18 Pilot to Improve School-Based Supports for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder Brendan Deery
- We are participating in a pilot project with the Ministry of Education to improve school based supports for students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders in elementary schools.
  - It will target Educational Assistants who will receive training through the Geneva Centre for Autism with whom the Ministry of Education has partnered.
  - Each board will receive a certain number of spots for participants – based on the size of the board. We do not yet know how many spots we will be granted.
  - It will take place at an elementary school site – yet to be named.
  - ABA practitioners from the community will come to the schools to work with the students.
  - The pilot project will be governed by a provincial advisory team. The Ministry of Education is providing an external researcher to evaluate the implementation of the pilot.

**8. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

- A. The Board brought in 2 new student trustees from St. Patrick and UCC.
- B. The Board approved the site for the North Chatham elementary school at 801 McNaughton Ave. The new location for the Children’s Treatment Centre will be next to the school.
- C. The Board is working on a new location for the new South Chatham elementary school. Once approved, the location will be shared with SEAC.
- D. Dan Parr announced his retirement as of December 31, 2017. Deb Crawford is the new Director of Education for the St. Clair Catholic DSB as of January 1, 2018.

**9. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- A. N/A

**10. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

October 16, 2017 – Downs Syndrome Presentation - Kim D’Hooghe

**11. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

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| November 20, 2017 | December 18, 2017 |
| January 15, 2018  | February 12, 2018 |
| March 19, 2018    | April 9, 2018     |
| May 14, 2018      | June 11, 2018     |

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY** Derek McGivern and seconded by Kathy Arcuri-Arnott to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

**CARRIED**