

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 11, 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	Sandra Pidduck
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D’Hooghe
Lambton County Developmental Services	
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
Guest – Kara Jenner, Children’s Treatment Centre	
Welcome New Member – Amanda Ing, Epilepsy Support Centre	
Regrets: Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Sara Vadovic	
Absent: Kim D’Hooghe, Michelle Parks, Cynthia Blair, Colleen Cogghe, Juli Faubert	

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Brenda Rumble*  
*SEAC Chairperson*

*Lisa Demers*  
*Board Advisor*

- 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 January

**MOTION BY** Clare Latimer and seconded by Derek McGivern to accept the minutes from the May 14, 2018 meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **2. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Special Education Budget**

**Amy Janssens**

- Amy reviewed the special education revenues and expenses for the 2018-2019 special education budget.
- The special education budget is shown as balanced for St. Clair Catholic DSB for 2018-2019.
- Due to Grants for Student Needs (GSN) there have been some gains in personnel for the special education department.
- The proposed budget goes to the Board Tuesday, June 19, 2018 for approval.

### **B. Kids Team**

**Diane Kwik**

- Kent Inter-Disciplinary Support Team (KIDS Team)
- KIDS team are the gatekeepers for residential services, outpatient services and specialized funding.
- There are 11 community agencies who sit on KIDS team and Diane Kwik is the chair person.
- There are KIDS team meetings once per month. Anyone can refer a child to KIDS team – parents, school team members, child him/herself.
- As a result of the KIDS team meeting, a community service plan is developed highlighting the results of the meeting. (IE. Referrals for residential, allocation of funding, recommendation of community resources, etc.).

## **3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### **A. Community Living Wallaceburg**

**Derek McGivern**

- Box lunch fundraiser and golf tournament went very well
- “Three Rivers Roll” will be held in Wallaceburg on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All are welcome.

### **B. Community Living Chatham-Kent**

**Steve Stokley**

- Since January 2018 Community Living CK has been operating the cafeteria at St. Clair College Chatham Campus. The decision has been made to run this operation again in the Fall 2018.
- A new canteen has been opened at the court house soccer fields in Chatham, along with new washrooms and a storage facility for the soccer equipment.
- In December an application was made to the Ministry for “School Days to Pay Days”. Both local school boards will offer 5 students with special education needs, per term, a co-operative education placement at Truly Green which is a local green house. The goal is for these students gain skills leading to employment beyond school. This program will be in place for 2 years.

### **C. Epilepsy Support Centre**

**Amanda Ing**

- Amanda new to the Epilepsy Support Centre. She has met some families and is organizing a meet and greet with families in the near future.
- In September there are two “Seize the Day” runs in Windsor and London. The run in Windsor is on September 16, 2018 and the run in London is on September 30, 2018.

**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**

- N/A

**G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent**

**Clare Latimer**

- Clare to send the summer brochure for LDAO to Brendan Deery so that we can share it with the schools in Chatham Kent.
- Clare shared the “communique” magazine highlighting some of the articles on ADHD and other disabilities/needs as a valuable resource for our teachers and board staff.

**H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter**

**Tracey Haddy**

- N/A

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

N/A

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Review of Initiatives**

**Brendan Deery**

- Brendan shared the special education department summary of initiatives as a result of the work of the department this past school year.

**B. SERCC Review**

**Janet Boyle & Lisa Thompson-Power**

- Special Education Regional Consultants/Coordinators Conference is offered to Boards who are associated with the Regional Special Education Council – London Regional Office. The purpose of the conference is to provide opportunities for professional development, networking, sharing successful practices and resources and the establishment of a professional learning community.
- Key Note speakers were from the York Catholic DSB. The topic was “Supporting Students with Learning Disabilities in Mathematics”. This presentation offered strategies to help all educators support meaningful inclusion, engagement, and performance of students with Learning Disabilities in the mathematics classroom.
- The remainder of the day was divided into break-out sessions of choice. The topics included: 1. Engineering an Inclusive Early Years Classroom for Student Success where a range of strategies were explored to aid teachers in connecting and building relationships to support student learning and well-being. 2. Taking Credit, Granting Credits, How Secondary Schools Are Leading the Way in Inclusive Practice where recent data that has been collected throughout the province in relation to the current inclusive practice movement happening in some secondary schools was shared and discussed. 3. Unpacking the Psych-Ed and IEP in Secondary where an approach to deepening secondary school teachers’ understanding of the learning needs of the students in their classrooms was shared .
- SERCC members (HWDSB, HWCDSB, NCDSB, DSBN and NCCSA) participated in sharing sessions in which they had an opportunity to highlight and share resources from each of their boards.

- Participants participated in sharing sessions where they identified topics of mutual interest, the specific challenges/successes relating to the issue in their Board and potential solutions based on feedback from Boards and authorities from across the London Region.

C. Autism Pilot – Continuation Brendan Deery

- The funding from the Ministry has been continued for the 2018 – 2019 school year
- The hope is for it to be expanded to include an additional student. The pilot will remain at St. Matthew Catholic School in Sarnia.
- A BCBA has been hired to work with students in the pilot. The BCBA will also work with students diagnosed with ASD in additional targeted schools when not working with student(s) in the pilot.
- Training of Educational Assistants working with students diagnosed with ASD will continue as part of the pilot

D. Lexia Update Brendan Deery

- In 2018-2019, those students who are currently in grade 2 that have not reached grade level and who are using the program will continue to use the program as they move to grade 3. For immersion schools, students currently in grade 3 that have not reached grade level who are using the program will continue on the program as they move to grade 4.
- Training in September will be provided to grade 3 teachers, to new grade 2 teachers, to grade 4 teachers in our immersion schools, to new PRTs and to any administrators that did not receive the training last year.
- As we still have a limited number of licenses the students identified as struggling readers going into grade 2 and the students who are continuing on the program moving to grade 3 will be given priority. Once we have established how many licenses are need for these pupils we will begin the process providing licenses for students with communication learning disability.

E. New Hires in Special Education Brendan Deery

- 3 new support team EAs for the Behavior Support Team
- 2 new support team EAs for the Autism Spectrum Disorder Team
- 2 new support EAs with ASL skills to support students who are deaf
- 2 new BCBA's to work with the Autism Spectrum Disorder Team
- 2 new Social Workers to work for the Student Well-Being Support Team

F. Format for Next Year – Dinner 5:30 p.m. start Brendan Deery

- Brendan discussed a new format for SEAC meetings next year and asked for those in favour of the new format
- We can have working dinners, working through the agenda for the meeting, starting at 5:30 pm

**7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

- Getting ready to build the north school in Chatham
- CCSTA – some trustees attended recently
- The budget will be presented for approval next week at the Board meeting

**8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- How is the progress of the new school in South Chatham? There is not a location at this time for the new school

9. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

TBD

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY** Derek McGivern and seconded by Clare Latimer to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

**CARRIED**