

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – Ursuline Room

### MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Wallaceburg	Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Steve Stokley
Epilepsy Support Centre	
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	
Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter	Tracey Haddy
Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent	Jessica Constancio
Wellness & Emotional Support For Youth Online	Michelle Parks
Trustees	Brenda Rumble
Principal Representatives	Cynthia Blair Colleen Cogghe Ed Freeburn Stacy Shepley
Board Advisors	Lisa Demers Brendan Deery Janet Boyle Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Sara Vadovic

Guests – **Liz Gibson**, Principal-St. Elizabeth; **Courtney Mellow**, Vice Principal-Our Lady of Fatima & St. Anne-Blenheim; **Derek Morrison**, Vice Principal-Gregory Hogan & Holy Trinity; **Julie Faubert**, Principal-Monsignor Uyen; **Nicole Stevens**, Principal-St. Vincent; **Julie Knight**, Principal St. Michael-Ridgetown; **Kelly VanBoxtel**, Principal-Our Lady of Fatima; **Jeanne Girard**, Principal-St. Agnes; **Adrien Gagnier**, Principal-St. Joseph-Chatham; **Tamara Johnson**, Vice Principal-St. Joseph-Corunna & St. Matthew; **Bill Nelson**, Principal, Sacred Heart-Sarnia; **Chris Kehoe**, Principal, St. Patrick’s High School **Daniella Mancusi**, Acting Principal, Holy Trinity, **Len Fera**, Principal, St. Anne, Sarnia.

Regrets: Tracey Haddy, Ryan Allaer, Lisa Thompson-Power

Brenda Rumble  
SEAC Chairperson

Lisa Demers  
Board Advisor

Absent:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MOTION BY** Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Michelle Parks to adopt the agenda.

**CARRIED**

- C. Review of Minutes from November

**MOTION BY** Steve Stokley and seconded by Kim D’Hooghe to accept the minutes from the November 19, 2018 meeting.

**CARRIED**

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Thought Exchange**

Deb Crawford

- Innovative new app where students in Grades 5-12, staff, parents/guardians, and Indigenous, community and parish partners can contribute their thoughts to direct our strategic plan, as we work together to build Catholic education and prepare our students for the future
- Goal is to develop a multi-year Strategic Plan as well as re-evaluate our SCCDSB Mission and Vision Statements
- Individual invitation to 85 students, staff, parents and community partners to meet on January 9, 2019 at the CEC to build excitement and become ambassadors for the *Thoughtexchange* process
- Video “You Tell Us” featured SCCDSB students to “kick off” the *Thoughtexchange* platform with input from students, staff, parents and community partners
- Input to *Thoughtexchange* is welcomed from January 9<sup>th</sup> to January 23<sup>rd</sup>

B. **Autism Program (Universal Supports)**

Amy Hawkes, Sara Vadovic

- The ABA Support Team consists of a Program Resource Consultant, a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA), an ABA Specialist, and three Itinerant Educational Assistants who support the schools across the System.
- A structured “pathway” exists which schools follow in order to access support of the ABA Team.
- Model: Universal Supports – Applicable to MOST students with ASD and many without
- The use of Universal Supports helps to prevent problem behaviour, promotes inclusion, supports student independence, increases learning opportunities.
- Universal Supports are: Functional Communication Systems and Supports, Visual and Organizational Supports, Classroom Supports, Peer to Peer and Social Supports, Educational Strategies and Supports, Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports, Data Collection.
- Three-tiered model of support (Tier 1, 2 and 3 students) - Is safety, inclusion and learning at risk and if so, to what degree?
- Currently, ABA Team supports Tier 1 – approximately 34% of students; Tier 2 – approximately 45%; Tier 3 – approximately 21%

**C. Autism Pilot**

Sheila McLaren

- Ontario is working to improve school-based supports for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and launched a new pilot project for the 2017-2018 year, which was extended to the 2018-2019 year.
- St. Clair Catholic District School Board is part of 18 school boards province wide working with Ministry of Education, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the Geneva Centre for Autism to improve the learning experiences of students with Autism.
- As a Pilot Board, SCCDSB has created a Dedicated Space (at St. Matthew Catholic School, Sarnia) for external ABA practitioners to deliver on-site services to those students with ASD, attending the pilot school and currently receiving OAP services; offered EA Training - 15 spaces for a 40 hour online training and 10 hours of professional learning sessions; hired a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA)
- This Pilot has given our School Board a tremendous opportunity to expand upon and enrich our relationships with our community of Autism Families and ABA Providers

**3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Community Living Wallaceburg**

Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith

- Wendy Smith reported that the Annual Box Lunch is being held on April 11, 2019 and the Annual Golf Classic is being held on May 31, 2019
- Travel Club Lottery tickets are available

**B. Community Living Chatham-Kent**

Steve Stokley

- No Report

**C. Epilepsy Support Centre**

Sandra Pidduck

- 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**

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

Tracey Haddy

- No Report

**I. Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent**

Jessica Constancio

- No Report

**J. Wellness & Emotional Support For Youth Online**

Michelle Parks

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

N/A

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. School Based Rehabilitation Services**

Janet Boyle

- As of November 15, 2018, Pathways Health Centre for Children became responsible for the contracts for Occupational Therapy (OT), Physiotherapy (PT), and some Speech and Language Therapy (SLP) services provided in Lambton County publically funded schools. This was formerly known as the School Health Support Services Program through CCAC/LHIN.
- Similarly, as of the same date the Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent (CTC-CK) became responsible for those services provided in Chatham-Kent publically funded schools.

**B. Secondary Transitions**

Sara Vadovic

- Enhanced transition meetings are scheduled for late January/early February for those students with complex needs moving from Grade 8 to Grade 9 in September 2019.
- The purpose is to begin the planning process with the elementary team, the head of the Spec. Ed. Dept. at the high school, Board Program Resource Consultants and the parents
- Items discussed include the student’s strengths, needs, special equipment requirements and whether early visits to the high school would be beneficial
- 6 enhanced transition meetings are being held for students in Chatham/Kent and 5 in Sarnia/Lambton

**REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

- Two new Trustees were sworn in as members of the St. Clair Catholic Board of Trustees for the 2018-2022 term at the Inaugural Meeting of the Board on Dec. 4, 2018
- Jennifer McCann is representing Sarnia and Point Edward
- David Argenti is representing Chatham
- John Van Heck was acclaimed Chair of the Board and Mat Roop was elected Vice Chair

**8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- N/A

**9. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

February 11, 2019  
 March 25, 2019  
 April 8, 2019  
 May 13, 2019  
 June 10, 2019

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- N/A

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

<p><b>MOTION BY</b> Cathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Michelle Parks to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
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