

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – Ursuline Room

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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| Community Living Wallaceburg | Derek McGivern |
| Community Living Chatham-Kent | Steve Stokley |
| Epilepsy Support Centre | Deanna Henry |
| 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 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 – Deanna Henry, Epilepsy Support Centre | |
| Regrets: Kim D’Hooghe, Derek McGivern, Michelle Parks, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Kara Jenner | |
| Absent: | |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Lisa Demers
Board Advisor

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

MOTION BY Clare Latimer and seconded by Deanna Henry to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from January

MOTION BY Clare Latimer and seconded by Steve Stokley to accept the minutes from the June 11, 2018 meeting.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Review of rules and regulations of SEAC

Brendan Deery

- The purpose of the review is to form a new SEAC in accordance with the regulations
- SEAC can include up to 12 local associations who must meet all requirements set out in Regulation 464/97
- The Regulation 464/97 can be found on the Ministry website in the SEAC section

B. Review of department initiatives

Brendan Deery

- The department initiatives are the items the department will focus on during the 2018 – 2019 school year
- Brendan reviewed and discussed the 10 objectives that comprise the department initiatives
- The department objectives for 2018 -2019 will be posted on the Board website

C. Review the Special Education Pathways

**Janet Boyle, Lisa Thompson-Power,
Sara Vadovic**

- Sara explained the new ABA Support Team pathway
- The ABA team services are based on Universal Supports which are made up of 7 areas of focus: Visual & Organizational Supports, Functional Communication Systems & Supports, Educational Strategies & Supports, Classroom Supports, Peer to Peer & Social Supports, Positive Interventions & Supports and Data Collection
- They are moving to a tiered system of 3 areas: Safety, Learning, Inclusion at Risk
- New to the team are two Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) and three itinerant Educational Assistants
- Janet explained the new pathway for the Speech Language Pathologists
- Community Referrals – the change for this year is that students being discharged from the Children’s Treatment Centre in Chatham Kent will be referred directly to the LHIN for those students who require on-going services
- School Referrals – changes for the referral process and school allocations of SLP assessments were based on data from years past
- Each school will be provided a set number of assessments for the school year of which they will prioritize their referrals based on the needs in the school. Additional school referrals may be allocated if deemed necessary after consultation with the SLP and consultant
- Lisa explained the pathway for the Collaborative Support Team (formerly the Behaviour Support Team)
- The CST supports continue to be based on Dr. Ross Greene’s Collaborative and Proactive Solutions
- New to the team are three itinerant Educational Assistants
- New to the pathway is the addition of an Educational Assistant to the CST during the placement in a school. When the team member steps away to do a follow up in another

school, the EA will remain in the placement to continue to coach, model and provide time for the school team to practice Plan B conversations with the student

- Each of the above pathways can be found on the Board's website

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Community Living Wallaceburg

Derek McGivern

- N/A

B. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Steve Stokley

- The summer employment program had 15 students who participated. All students worked at local businesses in the morning and volunteered in the afternoons. All students were successful in completing the program
- Community Living CK are running the cafeteria at St. Clair College Chatham Campus again this school year
- The Options class is up and running with 15 students. Co-op placements have been found for all of the 15 students
- School Day to Pay Day program has started at UCC. There are 5 students working at Truly Green. The students are also doing some instruction at Community Living using the Toolkit for Transition booklet.

C. Epilepsy Support Centre

Deanna Henry

- There have been a lot of changes in the local organization
- There is valuable information on the website www.epilepsyswo.ca for teachers
- The teacher section of the website is divided into 3 parts specific to educators and what they can use in the classroom as well as an educational video for educators

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

- The first meeting for this school year is scheduled tomorrow
- LDAO has their Fall pamphlet out in the schools. They are now up and running for the Fall session

H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter

Tracey Haddy

- Chatham Kent chapter is starting parent meetings
- There are several Fall events scheduled – social learning events for children, bowling, gymnastics, as well as an improv. group which is geared to students with autism age 12 years and up. The improv group teaches the children how to do improv. therefore practicing social skills
- The date for the improve. group is Nov 10, 2018 at the Chatham Cultural Centre
- All events are free for families

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

N/A

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Lexia Update

Brendan Deery

- Lexia will continue this school year with students moving into grade 2 who are reading below benchmark, students moving into grade 3 who continue to need Lexia as well as those students identified as Communication: Learning Disability up to grade 8 who are reading below a grade 5 level
- We now have 750 licenses purchased by the Board
- Lexia Core 5 and Power Up programs will be used in the Board this year. Power Up is new to the Board this year and is geared to students in grades 6, 7 and 8 who are reading below a grade 5 level

B. Autism Pilot year 2

Brendan Deery

- Ministry funding has continued this school year – 2018 – 2019
- A Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA) has been hired by the Board who will work with the project coordinator in the autism pilot
- There are two students in the pilot at St. Matthew Catholic school this year
- The government has not yet revealed the type of training to be done as part of the pilot for this school year
- The project coordinator is following up with the Educational Assistants who were trained as part of the pilot last year

C. Roles and Responsibilities Chart

Brendan Deery

- Brendan shared the Roles and Responsibilities chart for the Special Education Department for 2018- 2019
- The Special Education Roles and Responsibilities chart is available on the Board website

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Brenda Rumble shared that the only update is that there is a meeting next week

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

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| October 15, 2018 | November 19, 2018 |
| December 17, 2018 | January 14, 2019 |
| February 11, 2019 | March 25, 2019 |
| April 8, 2019 | May 13, 2019 |
| June 10, 2019 | |

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Chris Preece to do a presentation on School Climate Data
- Lisa Demers shared that school administrators will be sitting in on some upcoming SEAC meetings as a requirement in a qualifications course all administrators are taking

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Steve Stokley and seconded by Clare Latimer to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm.