

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Conference Call

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Wallaceburg

Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith

Community Living Chatham-Kent

Steve Stokley

Community Living Sarnia-Lambton

Rachel Veilleux / Brenda Roby

VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children

Kathy Arcuri-Arnott

Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County

Kim D’Hooghe

Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter

Tracey Haddy

Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent

Jessica Constancio

Wellness & Emotional Support For Youth Online

Michelle Parks

Trustee

Carol Bryden
Jennifer McCann

Principal Representatives

Cynthia Blair
Colleen Cogghe
Daniella Mancusi
Stacy Shepley

Board Advisors

Lisa Demers
Brendan Deery
Janet Boyle
Chris Preece
Lisa Thompson-Power
Sara Vadovic

Guests: Deb Crawford, Amy Janssens, Mat Roop, David Argenti

Regrets:

Absent: Cynthia Blair, Kim D’Hogghe

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Lisa Demers
Board Advisor

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 April 20, 2020

MOTION BY Michelle Parks and seconded by Kathy Arcuri-Arnott to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2020 meeting

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Youth Engagement Initiatives in Schools for Mental Wellness** Christine Preece

- **Executive Summary** - School Mental Health Ontario and Wisdom2Action launched #HearNowOn: Student Voices on Mental Health to connect with secondary students regarding their priorities on mental health. The data confirmed that youth want to have a voice in priorities within their schools, regarding mental health. The information gathered will continue to direct mental health supports in our schools. Locally we have Student Wellness Committees in our elementary and secondary schools. This week, the Wellbeing Team is starting student serenity sessions for students in Grade 7 and up. To date, during the pandemic, the Wellbeing Team has reached out to over 700 families within our Board.

- B. **Special Education Report** Brendan Deery

- This report is updated annually and all changes/revisions were highlighted and reviewed by Brendan in an attached document previously sent to the SEAC Committee. Changes reviewed during the conference include: the changes to the Board's new Missions and Vision Statements, current numbers regarding IPRCs reviews and referrals, the assessments currently being utilized within the Board, the removal of the Connections Pathway, the number of students attending Provincial Schools and the current Special Education staffing chart.
- During the presentation Amendments were made to the in the SEAC member chart and to the Specialized Health Support Section.

MOTION BY Kathy Arcuri- Arnott and seconded by Wendy Smith to pass the amended 2019-2020 Special Education Report.

CARRIED

3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith
 - no report
- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Steve Stokley
 - no report
- C. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton Rachel Veilleux / Brenda Roby
 - Currently using Zoom Platform to offer respite to families.
- D. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
 - no report
- E. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County Kim D'Hooghe
 - no report

- F. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy
- no report
- G. Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent Jessica Constancio
- no report
- H. Wellness & Emotional Support For Youth Online Michelle Parks
- Over the past two months there have been 101 new registrations and 46 new registrations thus far in May. Additional online counsellors have been hired to support this increased need.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. **Update on Special Education Distance Learning** Brendan Deery

1. Psycho-Educational Assessment Reports

- Mirra Lefort has worked with her supervisor and in conjunction with her college to develop a practice that enables her to complete the reports on all the assessments that were done prior to Distance Learning.
- Using the secure Microsoft Teams platform, a process is in place that involves the school teams, the families and Mirra participating in the reports
- Copies of the reports are being sent to school teams and families using a password protected structure

2. IEP Distribution

- The Secondary IEP distribution date was in March and therefore secondary schools distributed the IEPs to families prior to the March break.
- Elementary IEP distribution was to be completed by April 7 which meant schools were at different places in the process. All IEPS have been distributed and a process is in place for the signature page to be signed electronically and returned to the school team to print and file in the OSR.

3. Work being done by teams - SLP, CST, ABA

- **SLPs** produced 5 modules to support EA training. The SLPs have been providing therapy to students using the Microsoft Team platform.
- **Collaborative Support Team** produced 3 modules to support EA training. The team has also been in contact with staff and students to provide support.
- **ABA Team** has produced 3 Modules to support EA training. The team is in contact with school teams, students and families to support in a variety of ways.

4. EA Roles during Distance Learning

- A document has been distributed to Principals/VicePrincipals outlining the expectations of EAs during Distance Learning. The document outlined the communication process to be followed when EAs are working with the school team, classroom teacher, parents and students. Support from the EAs includes supporting students with accommodations, modifications and alternate programs. The document detailed the types of supports EAs can provide to students in conjunction with the classroom teacher and PRT

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

The third roll out of technology has now happened. Every student in our Board now has the technology that they need.

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

June 8, 2020

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None at this time

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Kathy Arnott and seconded by Michelle Parks to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

CARRIED