

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 18, 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
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	Brenda Rumble Linda Ward
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: Norma Hill

Regrets: Linda Ward, Michelle Parks, Sara Vadovic, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Kim D’Hooghe, Colleen Cogghe

Absent: Cynthia Blair

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Lisa Demers
Board Advisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

MOTION BY Steve Stokley and seconded by Tracey Haddy to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from September 16,2019

MOTION BY Wendy Smith and seconded Steve Stokley by to accept the minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Children's Treatment Centre of C-K Jessica Constancio

- A presentation to highlight all that CTC-CK has to offer the community
- CTC-CK provides programming and therapy to children with special needs to help them reach their full potential
- The goal of CTC-CK is to deliver programming in partnership that meets the needs of children and their families
- Most services provided are for children 0 - 6 years of age, however there are exceptions in certain areas:
 - OT PT and SLP focus on children 0 - 6 years of age
 - Audiology provides services for those 0 - life
 - Behaviour Consultation services children 0 - 6+ years
 - Family Support services 0 - 6+ years
 - Music Therapy services children primarily 0 - 6 years of age
 - Recreational Therapy services people from 0 - 21 years of age
- Other programs provided are: Seating Clinics, Augmentative & Alternate Communication, Infant Hearing Program, Coordinated Service Planning, FASD, Ontario Autism Program ,and Preschool Speech and Language

- B. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton Rachel Veilleux/Norma Hills

- A presentation encompassing all that Community Living Sarnia-Lambton has to offer was shared. A folder was provided which has a copy of the presentation along with additional materials specific to CLSL
- Employment Transitions, Vocational Opportunities, Alternate Day Supports, Living Options, Respite Options, Recreation & Community Involvement, Transition Planning and Volunteerism were all highlighted
- A placemat of Mapping the numbers for CLSL from Summer 2019 was shared in the areas of: Passport Program, Resources, Employment Support Options, Family Relief Options, Housing Support Options, Recreation/Leisure Supports/Volunteer Involvement, Community Participation & Day Options, and Community Involvement & Services Navigator
- A copy of CLSL's strategic plan was shared in the folder of information. They are doing well toward meeting their goals for 2020

3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Wendy Smith

- Lottery tickets are currently on sale for \$50 per ticket. The Dream vacation draw is Dec 31, 2019
- There is a Christmas party on December 6, 2019 for families

- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Steve Stokley
 - N/A
- C. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton Rachel Veilleux
 - The Board of Directors is considering developing a new strategic plan as the current plan concludes in 2020
 - The Annual General Meeting was held on November 7, 2019
- D. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
 - N/A
- E. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County Kim D’Hooghe
 - N/A
- F. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy
 - Christmas party will be held on December 8, 2019 from 1 - 4 pm in Studio 1 at the Chatham Cultural Centre. It is a free event, please RSVP in advance
 - New parent networking nights starting in 2020 will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6 - 8 PM. Childcare is available
- G. Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent Jessica Constancio
 - Christmas party November 19, 2019 - Christmas in Muskoka
 - FASD Learning series - Nutrition and FASD - on Nov 21, 2019 at CTC-CK and on Nov, 28, 2019 at Pathways
- H. Wellness & Emotional Support For Youth Online Michelle Parks
 - N/A

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. BCBA Hire Brendan Deery
 - The Board will hire a BCBA to work as the project co-ordinator for the Autism Pilot and to develop the After School Skills Development Program which has been funded by Ontario Government to support children with ASD in School Boards in the province
- B. Lexia Results Brendan Deery
 - Brendan shared a slide deck “Comparing SCCDSB Lexia Results to SCCDSB EQAO Results and Special Education Results”
 - Highlight: 85 % of the grade 3 students who reached the equivalent grade level in Lexia were successful at attaining a level 3 or greater on EQAO
 - Highlight: 75% of grade 3 students involved in Special Education programs/services, who reached the equivalent grade level in Lexia, scored at level 3 or higher on EQAO
 - Progress will continue to be tracked with regard to the effects of using Lexia
- C. Special Education Overview
 - Board and Provincial information re: students with special education needs:
 - Provincial trends in Special Education were shared.

- Special Education trends at the SCCDSB were shared
- 21.6 % of all students in SCCDSB are receiving Special Education services
- 4.4% of all Elementary students are identified by the IPRC
- 5.5% of all Secondary students are identified by the IPRC

D. Ministry Initiatives for ASD

- Ministry initiative called Enhancing Education Supports for Students with ASD were highlighted
- SCCDSB has addressed each of the points to enhance the education supports for our students with a diagnosis of ASD. Our supports were shared with SEAC in this presentation

E. EA PD Days

Janet Boyle

- September 27, 2019 the Educational Assistants spent half of the day doing Behaviour Management System (BMS) recertification and half the day completing Safe Schools module
- The modules focus on health support awareness for students with prevalent medical conditions, diversity awareness, slips trips and falls and building resilience
- The BMS recertification reviews prevention and non-physical interventions. Knowing the child, acting on “early warning signs”, and the effective use of calming and de-escalation techniques are strategies that were reviewed. Defensive techniques (avoidance, releases, blocks) and safe containment methods (an absolute last resort rarely required by most staff) were also reviewed
- October 25, 2019 the Educational Assistants spent half of the day doing Self-Regulation training and half the day doing ABA training on the Assessment of Functional Living Skills (AFLS) and the Hawaii Early Learning Profile (HELP) assessment
- The AFLS/HELP assessments are tools that help educators identify practical skills that could be addressed in the school setting to improve a learner’s independence across the lifespan. Both are considered to be alternate programming for students who may need programming outside of the Ontario curriculum
- Dr. Stuart Shanker’s five step self-regulation approach to understanding stress and managing tension and energy levels was explored as well as providing an opportunity to apply the self-regulation framework to students and to themselves. “The well-being of children is inseparable from the well-being of all the critical adults in their lives.”

F. Enrichment

Lisa Thompson-Power

- Enrichment Opportunity October 22 & 23, 2019 at St. Patrick’s and UCC
- The day at St. Patrick’s was led by Payton Jacklin and Henry Pagotto from St. Pat’s. The focus of the day was the Stock Market Exchange/World Trade/Supply and Demand
- The day at UCC was led by Mark Broadbent and Megan Brewer from UCC. The focus of the day was Law specific to the Court of Law/Legal Proceedings
- The next Enrichment Opportunity sessions are on November 27 & 28, 2019 at St. Patrick’s and UCC

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- The new school in North Chatham is on par with our goal of opening in September of 2020
- We will be using the Thought Exchange for the Board strategic plan

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- N/A

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

December 16, 2019

January 13, 2020

February 10, 2020

March 23, 2020

April 20, 2020

May 11, 2020
June 8, 2020

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Paul Cogghe will present Pathways/Skill Trades

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Steve Stokley and seconded by Rachel Veilleux to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

CARRIED