

# SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



**Date:** Monday, June 20, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.

**Via:** Teams Meeting

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## MINUTES

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter	Tracey Haddy
Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent	TBD
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Steve Stokley
Community Living Sarnia-Lambton	Rachel Veilleux / Brenda Roby
Community Living Wallaceburg	Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D’Hooghe
Wellness & Emotional Support for Youth Online	Michelle Parks
Trustees	Carol Bryden Jennifer McCann
Principal Representatives	Stephanie Orrange Lisa Walker
Board Advisors	Lisa Demers Jennifer Morrow Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Hollie Sparling Terri Rawlings
Guests	Marcie Myers Catherine Day
Regrets	Tracey Haddy Stephanie Orrange Brenda Roby
Absent	Kim D’Hooghe Wendy Smith

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Welcome & Opening Prayer
- B. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - June 20, 2022  
**MOTION BY** Michelle Parks and seconded by Steve Stokley **to adopt the SEAC Agenda of June 20, 2022. CARRIED.**
- C. Review of SEAC Minutes - May 16, 2022  
**MOTION BY** Steve Stokley and seconded by Jennifer McCann **to adopt the SEAC Minutes of May 16, 2022. CARRIED.**

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Budget Marcie Myers / Catherine Day
- Prepared using the Ontario Ministry of Education's [Guide to Special Education Grant](#)
  - PLACE LINK TO 2022-2023 SCCDSB SPEC ED BUDGET here and note of when it was approved?
  - *Total Revenues: \$17,543,57, including:*
  - *Total Expenses: \$18,118,782 including:*
    - Staffing: 16,854,082
    - Operating Expenses: \$1,264,700
  - Projected Deficit: (\$575,203)
  - It is typical for school boards to run a deficit in Special Education
- B. Accessibility Report Lisa Demers
- [SCCDSB Accessibility Plan 2022-2023](#) was prepared in accordance with the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act \(2005\)](#) and [Ontarians with Disabilities Act \(2001\)](#)
  - Parents/ guardians will be invited to give plan feedback on SCCDSB website
  - Board gave input to the Ministry of Education by participating in an accessibility working group
  - SCCDSB's work to address five areas of barriers were described
  - **Attitudinal Barriers** (identifying biases, engaging student voices, reviewing school climate climate surveys and a student census, hiring a MLL and SEL teacher to support students and staff and to focus on the OHRC's Right to Read report)
  - **Technological Barriers** (IT department's practice of prioritizing students with special needs, Google Read&Write use, implementing SEAIT software, Lexia Core 5 and Powerup program use)
  - **Information and Communication Barriers** (using of streamer technology, planning to reevaluate helpdesk and access points to optimize internet access next year)
  - **Architectural Barriers** (ensuring that physical access is possible in existing schools and optimizing accessibility in newly built schools)
  - **Annual review of policies and procedures** (students with disabilities were surveyed through the Thought Exchange process; ideas generated included the provision of small spaces for breaks to protect the dignity of students, the importance of FM systems, and ensuring that outdoor garden spaces are accessible to all)

## 3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy  
N/A
- B. Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent TBD  
N/A
- C. Community Living Chatham-Kent Steve Stokley
- Summer Employment Program will run this year

- 16 students have signed up and have secured jobs earning minimum wage or better
  - OPTIONS program will resume at St. Clair College in the fall
- D. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton Rachel Veilleux / Brenda Roby  
N/A
- E. Community Living Wallaceburg Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith  
N/A
- F. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County Kim D’Hooghe  
N/A
- G. Wellness & Emotional Support for Youth Online Michelle Parks
- 10 staff members received safeTALK Suicide Prevention training
  - Contact the agency if you wish to access training

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

N/A

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

#### 6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Mental Health and Wellbeing Update Chris Preece
- Between April - June, 715 elementary students and 198 secondary students were supported (380 male, 523 female, 10 unspecified)
  - 3330 contact meetings took place face-to-face and 707 took place virtually
  - Average number of 1:1 sessions provided to students: 5
  - Top three reasons for elementary referrals: stress/coping, anxiety, home life concerns
  - Top three reasons for secondary referrals: anxiety, depression, stress/coping
  - Number of suicide assessments: 51
- B. SERCC Update Hollie Sparling
- Special Education Regional Consultant Conference took place on June 2 & 3 in Niagara on the Lake
  - It was the largest delegation to date, and Terri Rawlings and Hollie Sparling attended to represent SCCDSB
  - Sessions attended included presentations from CPRI about caring for students who have experienced trauma, science of reading and math pilot updates, skills development and social skills for secondary students
  - Excellent opportunity to forge connections with counterparts in other boards to share ideas about SLP delivery models and supporting secondary students in integrated classes with special needs
- C. SLP Service Delivery Model Terri Rawlings
- Two SLPs will be on maternity leave next year
  - Team is currently working on a new Speech-Language Service Delivery Model to help ensure that students have a more timely access to assessments and to ensure that our services are equitable across the board
  - Along with giving a clear outline of the Speech and Language Pathologist roles in our board and when a referral to Speech and Language services is appropriate, the document will focus on the Tiers of Intervention and will include guidelines for assessments, and services (whether the service is one to one therapy, monitor, consultation or a home program)

- Hopeful that this more systematic approach will provide a high quality service with appropriate interventions that respond to students individual needs
- Consideration needs to be given to the role of the SLP in Structured Literacy implementation and the impact of the Right to Read report
- Consideration also needs to be given to the impact of impending PPM 81 review, pandemic impacts, as well as changes to SBRS that is now transferring language services for students in SK instead of grade one

## 7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- The budget was passed at the last board meeting
- Tenders have been approved for the building of two new schools, and an addition at Sacred Heart Port Lambton
- Chatham newspaper published a projected blueprint of new elementary school
- Board is grateful to resume typical in-person year-end activities this year, including graduations, proms and athletic banquets
- [SCCDSB Retirement Celebration 2022](#) is available to view on Youtube

## 8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## 9. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

## 10. FUTURE MEETING DATES

September 19, 2022  
October 17, 2022  
November 21, 2022  
December 19, 2022  
January 16, 2023  
February 13, 2023  
March 20, 2023  
April 17, 2023  
May 15, 2023  
June 19, 2023

## 11. CLOSING PRAYER

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

Carol Bryden formally adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.  
**No motion was made to adjourn.**