



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Chatham-Kent Stokley	Kayla Murphy / Steve
Community Living Sarnia-Lambton	Brenda Roby
Community Living Wallaceburg Smith	Ryan Allaer / Wendy
Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton	Michelle Parks
Pathways Health Centre for Children	Melanie Coll
Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent	Gabriela Todino
Trustees	Jennifer McCann Brenda Rumble
Principal/Vice Principal Representatives	Tiffany Clarke (VP) Mike Giroux
Board Advisors	Lisa Demers Jennifer Morrow Terri Rawlings Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Hollie Sparling
Guests	Kristy Bodkin Connie Locking Victoria Ennett Garth Lepine

Regrets

Michelle Parks

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - November 20, 2023 (Motion)

Motion By Kayla Murphy and seconded by Melanie Coll to adopt the SEAC Agenda of Monday, November 20, 2023. **Carried.**

3. Review of SEAC Minutes – October 16, 2023 (Motion)

Motion By Melanie Coll and seconded by Kayla Murphy to adopt the SEAC Minutes of Monday, October 16, 2023. **Carried.**

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Respitality

Kristy Bodkin, Connie Locking

- New program in Sarnia-Lambton called Respitality: Strengthening Our Community Through Hospitality aims to provide meaningful caregiver breaks to unpaid caregivers, with an emphasis on self-care
- Once a month, participants choose from a menu of options (i.e., family photography, house cleaning, meal plans, restaurant gift cards, massage therapy, family events in the community, etc.) and respite care is provided at the same time
- Some weekends away were provided (cottage stays with respite support)
- Excellent feedback from family participants
- Next steps: identify and remove other barriers to respite services for families, and explore corporate funding opportunities to ensure sustainability
- Families can self-refer for this service, which is available to support individuals with a developmental disability

2. Youth Voice/Student Engagement

Victoria Ennett

- SCCDSB School wellness committees are action-oriented advisory groups that focus on the health and well-being of students, staff and families within a school community
- School climate survey data is used to inform decisions regarding the planning of activities, theme days, and events (i.e., holiday celebrations, school assemblies, wellness fairs and themed drop-ins) that improve school culture and student engagement



- Playground Activity Leaders program (PALS) features Grade 6 students running special activities during recesses
- Goals of the program include building leadership skills, teaching cooperative games and sportsmanship, improving physical literacy within our students, and increasing students' sense of belonging and inclusion
- Participating schools reported an increase in physical literacy and a decrease in conflict in the schoolyard
- Additional youth engagement committees, in collaboration with the Experiential Learning Lead, include Student Council, Social Justice Committee, Faith Families, Green Teams, Health Unit Project Supports

C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. **Community Living Chatham-Kent**

Kayla Murphy / Steve

Stokley

- October 21, 2023 - 5K Run and Wheel raised over \$4000
- 2024 Lottery Calendar is in circulation (over \$19,000 in cash and prizes)

2. **Community Living Sarnia-Lambton**

Brenda Roby

- Windsor Regional Employment Network (WREN) selected Community Living to join the network as an Employment Ontario Integrated Services provider which will allow Community Living to offer expanded and enhanced services to job seekers with disabilities in the community
- JobPath and LKDSB will be jointly offering an Options North program to launch in January 2024

3. **Community Living Wallaceburg**

Ryan Allaer / Wendy

Smith

- Entering an agreement with Windsor Regional Employment Network (WREN)
- The Santa Claus Parade took place on November 18, 2023 and collected socks for the Rock Missions
- EDI training was provided for Rumecca, a Wallaceburg employer, and was well-received
- Currently collecting new and gently used winter coats for Womens' centre and Rock Missions - donations are welcome

4. **Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton**

Michelle Parks

- N/A



5. Pathways Health Centre for Children

Melanie Coll

- Accreditation Canada is coming next week for an accreditation review with staff and families
- Currently undergoing a major HVAC renovation that should conclude at the end of the week
- Poinsettia fundraiser and Secret Santa fundraiser are underway
- Using voice program to provide interpreter services to families in order to eliminate barriers to services

6. Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent

Gabriela Todino

- N/A

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

E. NEW BUSINESS (Motion)

1. That SEAC defer the December, 2023 meeting and meet in January, 2024.

Motion By Brenda Roby and seconded by Melanie Coll to defer the December, 2023 meeting and meet in January, 2024. **Carried.**

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Mental Health and Wellbeing Updates

Chris Preece

- SEL working groups continuing work from last year
- PPM 169 regarding student mental health comes into effect on January 1, 2024
- Board is developing partnerships to support PPM 169
- Hoping to provide family supports in schools
- KinderSTART supports will be provided in the new year
- Training - EAs, Grades 7 & 8 took place at last PA Day, November 17, 2023

2. Update on Teen Transition Fairs

Hollie Sparling

- *October 17, 2023 at Children's Treatment Centre in Chatham-Kent*
 - Well attended by 47 guests (27 families) and 17 organizations
 - DSO made a presentation and refreshments were provided
- *October 18, 2023 at Pathways Centre for Children in Sarnia-Lambton*
 - Well attended but attendance was a little lower than expected
 - Four presentations: DSO, ODSP, Stepping Stones, Lambton College CICE program
 - Refreshments were served, registrants received gift cards and prizes were

given

- Ideas for next year include inviting parents as speakers to share their lived experiences, moving C-K location to UCC, and continuing to provide light refreshments and prizes as incentives

3. SERCC Update

Hollie Sparling, Terri

Rawlings,

Lisa Thompson-Power

- Presentation: *Ableism in Special Education: Critical Reflections on Our Systems* by Katie Barron of York University
 - Participants were challenged to identify ableism and disablism examples in education (i.e., implicit biases such as racial bias in special education referrals, gender bias in learning skills, special education bias in streaming)
 - Implicit biases in education mean that different groups experience Special Education differently
- Presentation: *Unlocking the Science of Reading in Ontario's Education System: A Journey from Right to Read to Classroom Implementation* by Dr. Todd Cunningham, C.Psych. (University of Toronto / OISE)
 - Tier 1 strategies include explicit and evidence-based classroom instruction for all
 - Tier 2 strategies include direct instruction and strategy instruction
 - Providing remediation in Grade 1 (working on the problem to get on track) means that 76% of students will learn to read
 - Research is showing that we jump to accommodations (an external bypass around a challenge) instead of remediation too quickly
 - The most highly prescribed accommodations are in Grade 3 and are often followed by modifications, which may limit future pathways

G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- N/A

H. MEMBERS

- N/A

I. MEETINGS

- N/A

QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE

PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE



J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, January 15, 2024
Monday, February 12, 2024
Monday, March 18, 2024
Monday, April 15, 2024
Monday, May 13, 2024
Monday, June 17, 2024

K. CLOSING PRAYER

L. ADJOURNMENT (Motion)

Motion By Kayla Murphy and seconded by Wendy Smith to adjourn the SEAC meeting of Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:47 p.m. **Carried.**