



**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Community Living Chatham-Kent	Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley
Community Living Sarnia-Lambton	Brenda Roby
Community Living Wallaceburg	Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith
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 Chris Kehoe
Guests	Scott Johnson
Regrets	Lisa Demers Brenda Roby
Absent	Michelle Parks Jennifer McCann



## A. CALL TO ORDER

### 1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

### 2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - October 16, 2023 (Motion)

**Motion By** Melanie Coll and seconded by Wendy Smith to adopt the SEAC Agenda of Monday, October 16, 2023. **Carried.**

### 3. Review of SEAC Minutes – September 18, 2023 (Motion)

**Motion By** Wendy Smith and seconded by Melanie Coll to adopt the SEAC Minutes of Monday, September 18, 2023. **Carried.**

## B. PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Student Achievement Plan

Scott Johnson

- The Student Achievement Plan (SAP) is in response to Bill 98 which was passed in June 2023. The Board and each school will use this template to identify specific goals and essential strong practices to focus on for the 2023-2024 school year.
- The SCCDSB Strategic Priorities have been aligned with the Ministry priorities to include the Faith component.

### 2. School Climate Survey Data

Chris Preece

- The School Climate Survey identified main areas needing improvement including greater inclusion of special education students, the increased need for Social Emotional Learning (SEL) across the system, increased need for faith and wellbeing opportunities across the system and addressing the impact of social media and bullying on students
- In our Elementary schools, 71% of students reported feeling their school was safe, 67% of Secondary students reported feeling safe at school, and 87% of parents think their child's school is a safe place.
- One common thread in the survey was the need to dig deeper as a Board into the impact that faith has on our mental health and wellbeing.

## C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

### 1. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley



- Community Living joined the Dover Rod & Gun Club to host a summer barbeque. The event was well received by the community.
- The 26th Annual Walkathon, themed "Colour Your World," was held on September 14, 2023. This event generated \$15,000 dollars for Community Living.

**2. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton**

Brenda Roby

- N/A

**3. Community Living Wallaceburg**

Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith

- The Integrated Employment Program continues to be successful in providing people in our community with gainful employment opportunities.
- Community Living Wallaceburg will be involved in the Transition Fair on October 17, 2023, and in the CK Career Expo and Job Fair on October 18, 2023.

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

Michelle Parks

- N/A

**5. Pathways Health Centre for Children**

Melanie Coll

- There will be a Transition Fair held at Pathways on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.
- Pathways is now offering a free Caregiver Seminar for families on November 27, 2023 at Pathways. Topics include - Power of Attorney, Wills, Guardianship and Registered Disability Saving Plans.
- The Annual Secret Santa Shop opens on November 17, 2023 and runs until November 26, 2023. The centre is looking for volunteers (elves), if any students are interested.

**6. Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent** Gabriela Todino

- It is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month and the Learning Disabilities of Chatham-Kent want to remind the board of the free resources for teachers at [ldatschool.ca](http://ldatschool.ca). In particular, there is a PDF awareness month tool kit: <https://www.ldatschool.ca/awareness-month-tool-kit/>
- LDCK Social Skills Club is still accepting new sign-ups for both the younger and older groups for another 2 weeks (Grades K-8).
- The Fall/Winter 2023 brochure is available to share with our schools.



D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

E. NEW BUSINESS (Motion)

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

**1. Project Search**

Jen Morrow

- Project Search is a world-wide initiative that prepares students with developmental disabilities for employment. There is a high success rate for sustainable employment for graduates.
- This unique school-to-work program is similar to the Options program in Chatham Kent.
- SCCDSB is working with our coterminous Board LKDSB to partner on this project.
- The current focus is on finding a Host business in the Sarnia area. The YMCA and Pathways have already shown interest.

**2. Teen Transition Fairs**

Hollie Sparling

- In-person Teen Transition Fairs will take place on October 17, 2023 in Chatham at the Children's Treatment Centre and on October 18, 2023 in Sarnia at the Pathways Centre of Children.
- Families are invited to learn more about opportunities available to students living with disabilities, after secondary school.
- These free events include presentations from the DSO, ODSP, Stepping Stones and Lambton College.
- A number of community agencies will have booths onsite to share information about educational opportunities, social opportunities, respite, housing, community programs, support groups and recreation.

**3. PA Day Carousels for EA Training**

Lisa Thompson-Power

- EAs attended sessions at both UCC and St. Patrick high schools.
- UCC spent half a day with Chris Preece being trained in Trauma and Understanding Students in a Trauma Informed Lens. The afternoon was spent in carousels with presenters from our board teams - ABA, CST and Wellbeing, with the exception of Yoga instructors and Neva Isaac-Sands.
- In Sarnia, the group spent the morning with Martine Creasor who delivered "Bridges Out of Poverty" - talking about the impact that poverty has on our



families. In Chatham, the morning was spent with Chris Preece who spoke of the impact of trauma and how to be trauma-informed when supporting students. The afternoon was spent in carousels with presenters from our board teams, including ABA, CST and Wellbeing.

- November 17, 2023 PA Day - the agenda for the day will be reversed and the EAs will be trained in the sessions they did not receive in October.

#### G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- Two new Student Trustees were announced at last month's Board Meeting.

#### H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

#### J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, November 20, 2023

Monday, December 18, 2023

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** Wendy Smith and seconded Melanie Coll to adjourn the SEAC meeting of Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:35 p.m. **Carried.**