

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter	Tracey Haddy
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley
Community Living Sarnia-Lambton	Brenda Roby
Community Living Wallaceburg	Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D’Hooghe
Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton	Michelle Parks
Pathways Health Centre for Children	Melanie Coll
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
Regrets	Tracey Haddy Steven Stokley
Absent	Kim D’Hooghe Ryan Allaer Wendy Smith



A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - September 18, 2023 (Motion)

Motion By Michelle Parks and seconded by Brenda Roby to adopt the SEAC Agenda of Monday, September 18, 2023. **Carried.**

3. Review of SEAC Minutes – June 19, 2023 (Motion)

Motion By Michelle Parks and seconded by Brenda Roby to adopt the SEAC Minutes of Monday, June 19, 2023. **Carried.**

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Review the rules and regulations of SEAC

Jen Morrow

- We are mandated to review the rules and regulations for SEAC with the members annually.
- Areas reviewed: Membership, Orientation and Training, Rules and Procedures for SEAC Meetings, and the Primary Role of SEAC Members.

2. Review the department objectives

Jen Morrow

- Every year the special education department shares the department objectives for the school year with SEAC. Some items are new and others carry over from the previous year.
- Objectives this year include: Aspen/IEP Module Implementation, Special Education Storage Retention and Privacy (a carry over from last year), Supporting Structured Literacy in our schools and classrooms (on-going from last year), Educational Assistants, Program Resource Teachers, Removing Barriers for Students with Disabilities, and a Lifeskills Review (on-going from last year).

3. Review the PRT Roles and Responsibilities

Jen Morrow

- School startup is very busy with PRTs working on IEPs, Personal Care Plans, Individualized Programming, as well as SEA equipment for students.
- Direct service to students is very important - focusing on the students with intensive support needs.
- The Roles & Responsibilities document for both Elementary and Secondary PRTs was shared with SEAC. The document highlights on-going responsibilities throughout the school year as well as specific monthly items to focus on.

C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter

Tracey Haddy

- N/A



2. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley

- In the month of September, Community Living CK had a successful "Colour Your World" walkathon.
- On October 21, 2023 Community Living CK will hold a "5K Run and Wheel". It is a timed 5K run, open to everyone, whether you are competitive or not. "WRACE" - Walkers and Runners Around the County of Essex, partnered with Community Living CK to ensure a successful event. Registration will open soon.

3. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton

Brenda Roby

- Kristy Bodkin and Connie Locking are presenting the Respite program in Poland at the International Short Break Association conference.
- jobPath Employment workshop - 8 people graduated and are now searching for permanent employment.
- Summer Employment Transitions - hired 19 summer staff who served 44 students with disabilities. All students were linked with paying employers in Sarnia Lambton. 33 unique employers hired the students - a tremendous increase over last year.
- Employment Transitions - jobPath has partnered with the Sarnia Lambton Workforce Development Board on a new research project spearheaded by SLWDB concerning Inclusive Hiring - specifically the inclusive hiring of job seekers with disabilities in our community.
- John Hagans has announced his upcoming retirement. A new Executive Director has been hired.

4. Community Living Wallaceburg

Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith

- N/A

5. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County

Kim D'Hooghe

- N/A

6. Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton

Michelle Parks

- September 10, 2023 was World Suicide Prevention Day. The Suicide Prevention Committee had a booth in the mall all week, connecting with people. Many people in the community tied yellow ribbons around trees to support World Suicide Prevention Day.
- Talk for Tamara (TFT) is continuing - free SafeTalk workshops are offered in the community.
- SafeTalk training at workplaces is also available upon request.

7. Pathways Health Centre for Children

Melanie Coll

- N/A



D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

E. NEW BUSINESS (Motion)

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Summer Mental Health Work

Chris Preece

- The Wellbeing Team partnered with the Curriculum team for 3 weeks of summer learning that focused on literacy where social emotional learning is embedded in the learning. Grade 1 and grade 2 students participated. A goal is to build skills so that the students continue with what they learned at summer learning.
- Some members of the Wellbeing Team worked throughout the summer to support students. Chris shared the specifics of their work. A tremendous number of students within the Board benefited from the work done.

2. PPM 169 Direction for 2023 - 2024

Chris Preece

- PPM 169 is new to school boards. It will come into effect on January 1, 2024.
- This PPM protocol provides mandated direction telling school boards what must be done, and reported on, to support students with regard to mental health.
- A new area of focus for the board outlined in the PPM protocol is looking at Mental Health absences - this area remains unclear at this time. We look forward to further direction as we pursue the PPM mandates in the new year.

3. Transition Facilitator Project

Hollie Sparling

- The Board submitted a proposal to support inclusion by removing barriers for individuals with disabilities (e.g., students, educators, parents), and promote and support accessible, inclusive, and equitable education practices both inside and outside of the classroom.
- The proposal was approved. Katie Papanayotou has accepted the role to facilitate the one year project.
- Hollie shared the many areas of focus for the project .

G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- N/A

H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, October 16, 2023



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 Kayla Murphy and seconded Brenda Roby by to adjourn the SEAC meeting of Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:18 p.m. **Carried.**