



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Chatham-Kent	Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley
Community Living Sarnia-Lambton	Brenda Roby
Community Living Wallaceburg	Ryan Allaer / Patricia Peters
Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton	Michelle Parks
Pathways Health Centre for Children	Melanie Coll
Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent	Gabriela Todino
Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County	Garth Lepine
Trustees	Jennifer McCann Brenda Rumble
Principal/Vice Principal Representatives	Tiffany Clarke (VP) Mike Giroux
Board Advisors	Lisa Demers Jennifer Morrow Katie Papanayotou Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Hollie Sparling
Guests	Marcie Myers
Regrets	Jennifer McCann Amy Janssens
Absent	Michelle Parks Tiffany Clarke

CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - June 17, 2024 (Motion)

Changes to the agenda:

- Remove Mental Health Update
- Add Special Acknowledgments from Lisa Demers to Information Items

Motion By Melanie Coll and seconded by Patricia Peters to adopt the SEAC Agenda of Monday, June 17, 2024. **Carried.**

3. Review of SEAC Minutes - May 13, 2024 (Motion)

Motion By Melanie Coll and seconded by Kayla Murphy to adopt the SEAC Minutes of Monday, May 13, 2024. **Carried.**

A. PRESENTATIONS

1. Special Education Budget 2024-2025

Marcie Myers

- A website highlighting all information for special education funding will be available upon request.
- The budget is balanced this year and it will be presented to the Board of Education for approval on June 18, 2024.
- A significant restructuring of education funding occurred in 6 funds this year, one of which was the Special Education fund.
- Marcie walked SEAC through the funding changes from the Ministry, as well as the proposed budget for Special Education for the 2024-2025 school year.
- An overview of the Differentiated Needs Allocation, Complex Supports Allocation and the Specialized Equipment Allocation funds was given.
- SEA funding underwent significant changes this year - \$200,000 base amount and per pupil amount - resulted in an increase to \$700,000.
- Expenses related to staffing, and supplies and services related to Special Education were reviewed.
- Staffing expenses include Bill 124 Planning Provisions to account for salary increases as a result of this legislation.
- Destreaming support funds were discontinued by the Ministry in the 2024-2025 school year, equivalent to 3.5 teachers.
- \$65,000 was provided by the Ministry to hire a Special Education System Navigator.
- The budget will be reassessed in the Fall, and there is a \$337,000 contingency fund to address needs.



2. Special Education Report

Jen Morrow

- Jen shared the changes to the Special Education Report that will be sent to the Ministry.
- Changes occurred in the following areas: Consultation Process, Early Identification Procedures and Intervention Strategies, Identification Placement Review Committee Process, Educational and Other Assessments, Placements Programs and Services, Provincial and Demonstration Schools, Staff Development, and Special Education Advisory Committee.

C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley

- Box Lunch event took place on May 9 & 10, 2024 with 1612 box lunches served, and 416 lunches served to students in Chatham and Dresden area schools.
- Employment Opportunities: [Part-time Direct Support Professionals](#) and [Children's Respite - Part Time Direct Support Professionals](#)

Upcoming Events:

- June 22, 2024 - [Minute to Win It Tournament](#)
- July 18, 2024 - [Food Crawl](#)
- October 19, 2024 - 5K Run and Wheel Event

2. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton

Brenda Roby

- Sarnia/Bright's Grove Tim Horton's Restaurant Owners raised \$63,993 through the Smile Cookie campaign with support from clients and their families, Tim Horton's staff, and CLSL staff and volunteers.
- Seeking Board Members - interested individuals are encouraged to learn more by accessing this link:
<https://www.communitylivingsarnia.org/form/board-member-application>

3. Community Living Wallaceburg

Ryan Allaer / Patricia Peters

- June 28, 2024 - Golf Tournament (will return to September in 2025)
- Recent community picnic took place in Mitchell's Bay, and was very well attended by families, support workers and staff.

4. Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton

Michelle Parks

- N/A



5. Pathways Health Centre for Children

Melanie Coll

Upcoming Events:

- June 24, 2024 - Cruise in the Park
- July 16, 2024 - 7th Annual Sting Charity Gold Tournament
- August 1, 2024 - Sarnia Street Machines presents *Hot Night, Cool Cars*
- August 10, 2024 - Sarnia Ontario Aviation Rally (SOAR) - seeking student volunteers
Coordinated Service Planning (CSP)
- CSP team will share information with the resource department in the Fall regarding program criteria and the application process, in order to share information with families.

6. Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent Gabriela Todino

- Recently purchased the Flyleaf structured literacy program for use with students in their programs.
- There are a few spots available in their summer programs (8:30-11:30 a.m. program, social skills group, secondary school preparation program).
- This is Gabriela’s last SEAC meeting.

7. Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County Garth Lepine

- On June 14 and 15, 2024, the association hosted a successful *Feel Like Dancing* at the Sarnia Library.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

E. NEW BUSINESS (Motion)

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Accessibility Report

Lisa Demers

- The [report](#) includes the barriers that were addressed in the past year, and goals for the upcoming year.
- Types of barriers include attitudinal, architectural and physical, technological, and policy.
- Attitudinal barriers are addressed through professional development.
- Technological barriers are addressed through SEA equipment and training.



2. Lexia/Lexia Pilot

Jen Morrow

- In previous years, students in Grades 2-4 who were reading below the provincial standard had licenses, as well as students with SEA licenses.
- This model did not have a high level of program fidelity so licenses were not used effectively and consistently.
- This year, the literacy team chose five Grade 1 or Grade 1/2 classes to use the program, providing support to the classroom teachers as mentors and coaching the students how to effectively use the program.
- In this whole class program model, there was significant growth in the number of students reading at, and above reading level.
- Next year, all Grade 1 and 2 students and all Grade 3 French Immersion students will have licenses.
- Grade 1 and 2 French Immersion students will access a program called Lalilo, a similar tool to Lexia that supports French language learning.

3. Phonological Awareness Group Results

Katie Papanayotou

Phonological Awareness Groups:

- A total of 111 students received phonological awareness intervention.
- PRTs were given parameters for selecting students with low phonological awareness skills to be prescreened by SLPs.
- Small groups of students (five or less) received intervention from the Communicative Disorders Assistants (CDAs).
- The order of sessions followed a progression of phonological awareness skills ranging from identifying the number of syllables in a word to medial sound substitution.
- Sessions were planned based on the screening scores.
- Progression was evident as a result of the interventions.

4. Special Acknowledgments

Lisa Demers

Lisa Demers, Superintendent of Special Education, thanked Brenda Roby for her years of service and advocacy for students with special needs, as a teacher, consultant, and SEAC committee member.

Lisa Demers, Superintendent of Special Education, thanked Gabriela Todino for her contributions to SEAC as a representative from the Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent.



G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- Board members participated in a budget workshop last week.
- There will be new student trustees for the 2024-2025 school year.

H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- N/A

I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- N/A

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Proposed SEAC meeting dates for 2024-2025:

Monday, September 16, 2024

Monday, October 21, 2024

Monday, November 18, 2024

Monday, December 16, 2024

Monday, January 20, 2025

Monday, February 10, 2025

Monday, March 17, 2025

Monday, April 14, 2025

Monday, May 12, 2025

Monday, June 16, 2025

- Kim Wells will send committee members a survey regarding meeting format for the upcoming school year (i.e. in-person, virtual).

K. CLOSING PRAYER

L. ADJOURNMENT (Motion)

Motion By Melanie Coll and seconded by Brenda Roby to adjourn the SEAC meeting of Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:43 p.m. **Carried.**