

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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



A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - September 16, 2024 (Motion)

Motion By Melanie Coll and seconded by Michelle Parks to adopt the SEAC Agenda of Monday, September 16, 2024. **Carried.**

3. Review of SEAC Minutes - June 17, 2024 (Motion)

Motion By Melanie Coll and seconded by Michelle Parks to adopt the SEAC Minutes of Monday, June 17, 2024. **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 committee 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: IEP Review, Removing Barriers for Students with Disabilities (Ministry funded), Implementation of Lifeskills Review Recommendations, Transition Navigator Position, Continued Support of Structured Literacy, EA Training/ Resource Development

3. Review the PRT Roles and Responsibilities Jen Morrow

- The Roles and Responsibilities documents for both Elementary and Secondary PRTs was shared with SEAC, highlighting ongoing responsibilities throughout the school year as well as specific monthly items to focus on
- PRTs provide direct service to students to Tier 2 and Tier 3 students
- Fall is a very busy time for PRTs as they work on IEPs, individualized programming, SEA equipment, French exemption applications and Personal Care plans



C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- **Community Living Chatham-Kent** Kayla Murphy
 - 5K Run and Wheel to take place on October 19, 2024 at Mud Creek Trail, Chatham: <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/92366/clc-k-5k-run-and-wheel>
 - Teen Transition Fair to take place on September 24, 2024 to help families with the transition out of secondary school. Register with this [link](#)
 - [Current career opportunities](#): part-time direct support professional and part-time children's respite support professional

- **Community Living Wallaceburg** Patricia Peters
 - The Wallaceburg Wolves ended their season at the Aaron Van Dorselaer Grand Slam on September 10, 2024
 - Upcoming CLW Recreational Activities & Programs include:
 - Stone Art Workshop, September 26, 2024 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
 - Floor Hockey/Basketball - Tuesdays, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Kinsmen Gym
 - Wheelchair Soccer - Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Kinsmen Gym
 - Autism-specific educational/ informational sessions will be provided for local families (more information to come)
 - CLW will host Mental Health First Aid Training sessions November 7 and 8, 2024 from 9:00-4:00 p.m., open to the public. Cost is \$150/person

- **Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton** Michelle Parks
 - Lost funding last year; reapplying to United Way for this year
 - Funding is in place to keep the Coordinator
 - Acknowledged World Suicide Prevention day, September 10, 2024. Displays are in Lambton Mall

- **Pathways Health Centre for Children** Melanie Coll
 - Hosting the Teen Transition Fair on September 25, 2025
 - A number of fundraisers occurred over the summer, including a golf tournament
 - Lifelong Learning Program has some vacancies that will be shared on social media and at the Teen Transition Fair

- **Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County** Garth Lepine
 - Currently setting up a speech schedule for the year, that will begin on September 28, 2024
 - Working with Down Syndrome Association of Ontario on some funding proposals



D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- N/A

E. NEW BUSINESS (Motion)

- N/A

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Mental Health and Wellbeing Updates

Chris Preece

Community Partnership Day

- [Feedback](#) was shared regarding the Community Partnership Day that took place on April 24, 2024
- Sixty-three people attended representing mental health lead agencies, police, family health teams, child protection, not for profit, students, parents, hospital, public health, education, mental health and addictions, and community health centres from Sarnia Lambton and Chatham Kent regions
- Areas of discussion included: Student Voice/Youth Engagement, Family Mental Health Literacy, Substance Abuse Prevention, Capacity Building, Evidence-based Mental Health Programming, Partnership Projects and System Referrals

Parent Mental Health Literacy Group

- Role is to advise school board about how to better educate, partner together, and advise parents
- Partner to develop a parent newsletter

SEL Conference - October 2-3, 2024 in London, Ontario

- SCCDSB is hosting the first annual [Social Emotional Learning conference](#) in Canada
- The theme of the conference is *Building Success in Our Children and Youth*
- Renowned speakers include Dr. Kim Schonert-Reichl and Dr. Jean Clinton
- SEAC members asked to reach out to Kim Wells to express interest in attending as some funding is available

[Mental Health Plan for 2024-2025](#)

- Annual priorities were shared, including leadership, capacity building, implementation of evidence-based mental health promotion and prevention



programming, parent engagement, supporting specific populations and enhancing system coordination

2. Teen Transition Fairs

Hollie Sparling

- Free event for families to share information about planning for their children’s transition out of secondary school
- [Chatham-Kent - Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at the Children’s Treatment Centre](#)
- [Sarnia-Lambton - Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at Pathways](#)
- DSO, Passport Funding, and ODSP will provide presentations
- Community agencies will have booths, as well as SCCDSB, Options (Chatham) and Project SEARCH (Lambton)

3. Project Search Updates

Hollie Sparling

- Project SEARCH is a one year program that allows interns to complete 3 internships at the YMCA. The interns will receive job training and learn employability skills that will prepare them for competitive employment in the community
- First year of the program is underway with seven interns participating
- Partnership with SCCDSB, YMCA, and Goodwill Career Centre

G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- Trustees toured the new school, St. Teresa of Calcutta, in Chatham last week
- Next board meeting to take place on September 17, 2024

H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- N/A

I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- N/A

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

K. CLOSING PRAYER

L. ADJOURNMENT (Motion)

Motion By Michelle Coll and seconded by Patricia Peters to adjourn the SEAC meeting of Monday, September 16, 2024 at 6:24 p.m. **Carried.**