

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – St. Louis Conference Room

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Wallaceburg	Derek McGivern
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Derek Jane
Epilepsy Support Centre	
Lambton County Developmental Services Group	Adrian Vermeiren
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D'Hooghe
Trustees	John Van Heck Linda Ward
Principals Representatives	Maureen Cecile Juli Faubert
Board Advisors	Deb Crawford Lisa Demers Janet Boyle Lisa Thompson-Power Renée Zarebski

Regrets: John Van Heck, Kim D'Hooghe

Absent: Adrian Vermeiren

John VanHeck
SEAC Chairperson

Deb Crawford
Board Advisor

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome and thanks and congratulations were extended to Maureen Cecile who is retiring this year.
2. Prayer
3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION BY Derek McGivern and seconded by Derek Jane to adopt the agenda.
CARRIED

4. Review of Minutes from April 15, 2013

MOTION BY: Derek Jane and seconded by Derek McGivern to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2013 SAC meeting.
CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Teacher Learning and Leadership Program (TLLP) Shawn Christensen
Project at Ursuline College Chatham Liz Hashim
 - TLLP provides opportunities for teachers to do research in an area of interest and share learning with other professionals
 - Focus was on using smart board and iPad to improve the learning of students with special needs. Research indicates technology improves communication skills
 - Student testimonials were shared via video. Data indicated increased participation.
 - Students need access to functional communication to express wants and needs

C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. Community Living Wallaceburg D. McGivern
Community Living month has just ended.
2. Community Living Chatham-Kent D. Jane
Community Living month has just wrapped up.
3. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children K. Arcuri-Arnott
No report

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Education Report / Recommendations from SEAC L. Demers
Updates for the Special Education Report were outlined by Lisa. The report will be posted on the website in July.

Motion by **Derek McGivern** and seconded by **Kathy Arcuri-Arnott** to receive the Special Education Report.

Recommendations from SEAC for the 2013-2014 School Year were discussed.

Motion by: **Kathy Arcuri-Arnott** and seconded by **Derek Jane** to receive the SEAC Recommendations for the 2013 -2014 School Year.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. ASET Conference Janet Boyle
Association for Special Education Technology was attended by a group from the board on May 3, 2013. Message – with technology students can achieve their dreams.

2. Anxiety Presentation at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School Lisa Thompson-Power
A community information evening was held on May 22nd on topics related to Mental Health and Cyberbullying. This was session was offered to community partners/parents.

3. May Program Resource Teacher meeting Lisa Thompson-Power
May 15th was the last program resource teacher meeting for the year. Focus was on co-creating learning goals (Edugains.ca) and Student Built Advocacy Cards.

4. Safe Talk and ASIST Training Lisa Thompson-Power
Safe Talk is a three hour training that prepares people over 15 years of age to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them with first aid resources. Specific staff at Ursuline College and St. Patrick's were provided training.

ASIST – two day intensive training on suicide prevention. In the last two years over 100 staff have been trained.

5. Sarnia-Lambton Pediatrician Meeting Update Lisa Thompson-Power
The special education team met on April 24th with pediatricians in Sarnia. Meetings are held once annually for Chatham-Kent and Sarnia with our co-terminous board. Community Risk and Threat Assessment protocol was shared as well as PPM 156.

6. Community Transition Protocol Renée Zarebski
The status of discussion of the Integrated Transition Planning was reviewed. A letter is being sent to the three ministries outlining concerns of the SW Region planning group.

7. Secondary Lifeskills Program Review Update Renée Zarebski
A review of the Lifeskills programs at St. Patrick's and Ursuline College is being conducted. Surveys have been distributed; the Learning for All K-12 Framework tool is being implemented. Recommendations for implementation will be shared with SEAC.

8. OPTIONS Program update Renée Zarebski
Interviews for student placements in the Options Program have recently been completed.
There were 17 applicants, 12 have been offered spaces with 5 students on a wait list.
9. United Way Community Impact Grant Proposal Renée Zarebski
A proposal for the United Way Community Impact Grant has been submitted by the
SCCDSB, LKDSB, Community Living Chatham-Kent, Thames Valley Children’s Centre and
the Options Program. Focus is on connecting youth with disabilities to employers.
10. Mental Health Lead Position Lisa Demers
Ministry funding has been received for September 2013. Posting went out – will be reposted.
Qualifications for the position were outlined.
11. Correspondence Deb Crawford
Professionally Speaking – College of Teacher’s Magazine. Renee Zarebski was interviewed
as part of an article on autism.
In the next edition of Professionally Speaking the board will be profiled in the area of Mental
Health.
11. Ontario Catholic School Trustee’s Association – Region 5 Regional Director Deb Crawford
The Minister acknowledged the contribution of Catholic School boards to student success.
Catholic school boards have been key partners in student achievement.
Linda Ward was elected to the Ontario Catholic School Trustee’s Association.
Congratulations!

G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

Budget discussions continue.

H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I. NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD

Tentatively 3rd Monday of the month.

J. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

K. ADJOURNMENT

<p>MOTION BY: Derek McGivern and seconded by Kathy Arcuri-Arnott to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.</p>
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CARRIED