

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 26, 2015 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	Tabitha Vercillo
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D’Hooghe
Lambton County Developmental Services	Carla Always
Learning Disabilities Association Chatham Kent	Clare Latimer
Trustee	Michelle Parks John Van Heck
Principals Representatives	Cynthia Blair Anita Cairns Juli Faubert Ed Freeburn
Board Advisors	Deb Crawford Brendan Deery Janet Boyle Jennifer Morrow / Sara Vadovic Christine Preece Lisa Thompson-Power

Regrets: Jennifer Morrow

Absent: Kim D’Hooghe, Cynthia Blair, Ed Freeburn, John Van Heck

Michelle Parks
SEAC Chairperson

Deb Crawford
Board Advisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Welcome & Opening Prayer
- B. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION BY Derek Jane and seconded by Cathy Arcuri-Arnott adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from September 21, 2015

MOTION BY Carla Alway and seconded by Clare Latimer to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2015 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Sound Field System

Lauri Doig

- Lauri provided a demonstration on the new Simeon Audita sound system for students who are hard of hearing and students with Central Auditory Processing needs
- “What is a Classroom Soundfield System” and “Getting Started” video clips were shared
- We use Simeon Audita almost exclusively in all of our schools.
- Simeon Audita allows for all technology to be plugged into it (Smart Board, iPod, MP3, etc.) – it is very user friendly. A personal FM system can be patched into the Simeon Audita as well
- A sound field is good for everyone in the classroom. It is a mini PA system with a wireless microphone worn by the speaker. It levels the playing field for all listeners in the classroom environment
- Lauri demonstrated a pendant microphone using the Simeon Audita and shared the hand held mic

- B. Ryan’s Law

Brendan Deery

- Brendan shared the similarities between Ryan’s Law, Bill 20, 2015 and Sabrina’s Law, Bill 3, 2005
- Ryan’s Law is specific to asthma; Sabrina’s Law is specific to anaphylaxis
- Every board in Ontario shall establish and maintain an asthma policy which shall include an identified number of criteria
- Brendan shared each of the criteria required in our board policy for Ryan’s Law and where the differences are between the requirements for each of Ryan’s and Sabrina’s Laws
- The Board’s Health Support Policy has been revised to include Ryan’s Law. It will be presented to the Trustees at the Board meeting on October 27, 2015

- C. Be Safe App

Chris Preece

- Chris shared the Be Safe App which was launched on Oct 5, 2015 at the SCCDSB in conjunction with LKDSB and the Canadian Mental Health Association
- SCCDSB, and LKDSB partnered with Canadian Mental Health Association of Lambton Kent and purchased the app
- The Be Safe App is a free mobile app available for Apple and Android devices. A paper version is also available for download at mindyourmind.ca/be-safe
- Mind Your Mind is an award winning, nonprofit, mental health program that engages youth and developed this app (mindyourmind.ca/be-safe)
- The Be Safe App has 5 main features: a decision aid, a list of local resources, a personalized get help script, a safety plan and how to reach out for safety
- Resources have been provided by the Canadian Mental Health Association and are available to support the Be Safe App

- Stats will be made available to our board on a monthly basis regarding the use of the App within our region. This will help our work with our students

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Derek McGivern
- No Report
- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Derek Jane
- The annual Christmas concert is on Friday, November 27, 2015 at St. Paul's Congregational Church at 7:00pm.
 - The lottery calendar is on sale now for \$20. Calendars will be available until they are sold out
- C. Epilepsy Support Centre Tabitha Vercillo
- No Report
- D. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
- No Report
- E. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County Kim D'Hooghe
- No Report
- F. Lambton County Developmental Services Carla Alway
- The Fusion Food and Wine Show will be held on November 13 & 14, 2015 at DeGroots' Nursery in Sarnia. Must purchase a ticket for a specific night this year.
- G. Learning Disabilities Association Chatham Kent Clare Latimer
- Training was held at LDAO on Google Classroom. The facilitator was Steve Churchill. Both parents and teachers attended – there is always room for more to attend. It was an excellent session

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- A. N/A

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. N/A

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. You, Me, Him and Her Summit Brendan Deery
- The Make Children Better Now children's association presented this summit which focused on a number of mental health issues currently impacting children in Canada.
 - The goal of the summit was to bring together service providers, policy makers, mental health professionals, educators, clinicians, and researchers, with youth and family care givers to share experiences and ideas on how best to shift knowledge into practice.
 - Many guest speakers spoke over the two day summit: Dr. Leena Augimeri, Dr. Jean Clinton, Dr. Gili Adler, Dr. Karen Minden, a youth panel, Leah Parsons and Carol Todd, Donald Nichols, Paula Reaume-Zimmer, Anne-Marie Hourigan, Dr. Marjorie Phillips, Dr. Debra Pepler and Perry Mason

- Many topics were presented: disruptive behavior and self-control, brain development and children's mental health, anxiety and therapy, addictions, cyber bullying and suicide, aboriginal children's mental health, Access Canada in Chatham-Kent, from justice to education, learning disabilities and mental health, bullying and healthy relationships, and restorative justice

B. PRT In-service – October 28, 2015

Lisa Thompson-Power

- Following the new format for PRT meetings, the first PRT cluster meeting will be held on October 28, 2015
- Each meeting will run for half the day and will be held in a host school
- Each consultant will chair two cluster meetings, follow the same agenda, delivering a consistent message to all PRTs
- The agenda will focus on the IEP; specifically the Human Resources section and the Transition Plan
- PRTs will have the opportunity to bring questions and/or concerns to their group for discussion in addition to the regular agenda

C. Special Education Report

Brendan Deery

- There have been no changes except that of staffing in the report
- Brendan will bring any necessary changes to subsequent SEAC meetings

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

A. Michelle Parks reported that Karen Dolson and the Planning Department have done a great job in projecting enrolment numbers. Their projections almost matched the actual enrolment numbers. This is very important for board planning and the board appreciates the accuracy.

8. SPECIAL N EEDS STRATEGY

Deb Crawford

- No Report

9. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. N/A

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 16, 2015 at 7:00pm.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

A. N/A

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Derek McGivern to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm

CARRIED