

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 20, 2017 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 Southwestern Ontario	Tabitha Cook
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D’Hooghe
Lambton County Developmental Services	Carla Alway
Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent	Clare Latimer
Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter	Tracey Haddy
Trustees	Brenda Rumble Michelle Parks
Principal Representatives	Cynthia Blair Colleen Cogghe Juli Faubert Ed Freeburn Stacy Shepley
Board Advisors	Deb Crawford Brendan Deery Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Sara Vadovic

Regrets: Brenda Rumble, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Cynthia Blair, Lisa Thompson-Power

Absent: Derek McGivern, Juli Faubert,

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Deb Crawford
Board Advisor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

MOTION BY Carla Alway and seconded by Derek Jane to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from February 13, 2017

MOTION BY Derek Jane and seconded by Carla Alway to accept the minutes from the February 13, 2017 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Special Olympics Knights of Columbus

- No presentation this evening

- B. Voice for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students Kathy Arcuri-Arnott/Brendan Deery

- Presentation given by Brendan Deery (sent in by Kathy Arcuri-Arnott). VOICE for deaf and hard of hearing children is committed to:
 - Advocating on behalf of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families
 - Supporting deaf and hard of hearing children and their families through providing access to information, education, mentoring, and self-advocacy skills training
 - Educating the general public that deaf and hard of hearing children can learn to listen and speak

- C. Activities Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students Lauri Doig

- Currently about 50 students across our Board who have some sort of hearing loss.
- The presentation showcased the work that was done with students in our system to gain a better understanding of the tremendous accomplishments of people who are deaf and hard of hearing. Their hard work resulted in the creation of their own music video "Waiting on the World to Change".

- D. Suicide Prevention Protocol Chris Preece

- Christine provided an update on recent research in the area of Mental Health. The update included information about today's youth and what impacts them in terms of their symptoms of anxiety and depression. She also shared information about our Board's Suicide Prevention Protocol (link available to all staff members on our Board's website).

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Derek McGivern

- No report

- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Derek Jane

- The following events were highlighted:
 - Bowlathon coming up in May.
 - Volunteer recognition breakfast in April.
 - Golf tournament in June.

- C. Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario Tabitha Cook

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- March is Epilepsy Awareness month. There is a group working with fire and police departments to develop a vulnerable persons database.

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 Always

- There will be an appreciation event happening next week. Tickets on sale.

G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent Clare Latimer

- Chatham-Kent chapter could not take on Lambton County’s chapter. The way funding is working through United Way will be changing for next year. There are some changes to the ACSD funding model that will impact the children currently being serviced.

H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy

- No report

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A. n/a

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. n/a

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Sowing the Seeds for Literacy Conference Janet Boyle

- This is a one-day conference for early years educators (0-6) that was held at Lambton College. The focus this year was how to change our playgrounds/outside/inside areas into more naturalistic environments.

B. Update – CPS Training
Brendan Deery

- CPS training continues to be implemented in our schools – As of the end of February 68 staff in various schools have been trained.

C. Special Education Report Brendan Deery

- No updates at this time

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

A. No report at this time

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

9. NEXT MEETING DATE: April 10, 2017 at 7:00pm.

10. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

April 10, 2017 - Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario

May 15, 2017 - Down Syndrome Association Lambton County

June 12, 2017 - Lambton County Developmental Services

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Derek Jane and seconded by Claire Latimer to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm.

CARRIED