

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 12, 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: Sara Vadovic, Cynthia Blair, Colleen Cogghe, Juli Faubert, Stacy Shepley

Absent: Derek McGivern, Melissa Perry

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Deb Crawford
Board Advisor

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from May 15, 2017

MOTION BY Cathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Carla Alway to accept the minutes from the April 10, 2017 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Lambton County Developmental Services

Carla Always

- New Mission Statement “Inclusive Communities; Innovative Leaders”
- **LCDS services include:**
- **Housing Support** – LCDS believe people should live where and with whom they choose; support people in finding the appropriate housing option e.g. group living; supported independent living; live-in model; home share options; innovative housing options (partnerships with families, community members, developers)
- Very positive partnership with Habitat for Humanity – Sarnia first in Ontario to partner with Habitat for Humanity
- Important that families get involved with the planning process
- **Meaningful Day Options** – use support planning services to help each person define what would make their day meaningful
- **Supported Employment Services** – LCDS support people with disabilities to find and maintain competitive employment in integrated settings within the community
- **Educational Opportunities** – the LCDS Learning and Development Department offers formalized learning opportunities for people in their services; believe in community participation and actively encourage people to attend classes in the community whenever possible
- **Respite** – participants and their families are matched with host families who provide respite by sharing their home; weekend recreation respite also provided
- **Social Enterprise** - businesses can create a new source of revenue for LCDS eg. Petrolia Enterprises, The Olde Post Tea Room, Petrolia; Suds ‘N Duds Laundromat, Petrolia
- Main LCDS Fundraising Events: Fusion, LCDS Valentines Charity Auction, Annual Charity Golf Tournament, LCDS/Petrolia Lions Annual Charity Pork BBQ

- B. Department Initiatives 2016-2017 Summary

Brendan Deery

- Brendan Deery reported on the 8 Special Education Department initiatives:
- Collaborative and Pro-active Solutions (CPS) model to address behaviour in our schools; Autism training for teachers and EAs; Structured Learning training at St. Pat’s and UCC; work with Curriculum Dept. to enhance teachers’ understanding of the IEP with an emphasis on Math; work with Secondary School staff to change format of Enrichment opportunities for students in our elementary schools; work with secondary schools to put structures in place to prepare for change to EQAO training being done electronically; work with IS Dept. to develop a format to examine Phonological Awareness results from a Board perspective; train students and staff in the proper use of assistive technology

C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Derek McGivern
- No report
- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Derek Jane
- No report
- C. Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario Tabitha Cook
- 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 Always
- No report
- G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent Clare Latimer
- Summer 2017 LDAC-K Newsletter provided
 - A number of websites with resources listed e.g. LD@School; Special Needs Ontario Window (SNOW)
- H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy
- Government made announcement last week regarding new funding options
 - Additional details to follow
 - Direct funding will be an option for families; single point of access; the services a child or youth receives is based on their needs and strengths, regardless of age; ABA practitioners will be regulated;
 - The new OAP will be fully in place by Spring 2018

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- A. N/A

E. NEW BUSINESS

- A. N/A

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Special Education Regional Consultant and Co-coordinators Janet Boyle/Lisa Thompson-Power

- Janet Boyle, Lisa Thompson-Power and Sara Vadovic recently attended the Special Education Regional Consultant and Co-coordinators Conference (SERCC)
- Keynote: Barb Dorington (Social Worker, Art Therapist and Trauma and Loss Consultant) – Trauma’s Footprint in Our Classrooms: Changing the View
- Student Achievement Team from NCDSB presented their model for supporting all learners in the Grade 9 Applied level Mathematics course
- Discussion of challenges and best practices in Special Education, i.e. Special Education in Secondary Schools; Special Education Staffing Models; EA Allocation Models; Special Education in FDK; Safety/Behaviour/Intervention Plans
- Update from Joy Antoniuk and Virginia Rutledge, Education Officers, London Regional Office, MOE; shared updates with the group; the Branch has a new title, “Student Support and Field Services Division”
- Amethyst Provincial Demonstration School, Julianne McGregor and Bonnie Grace, shared information on some of the most helpful educational apps on the market right now for students with exceptionalities. Some products shared were: Lexia, Empower Reading and Reading Plus
- Current Regional Issues in Special Education and Resource Sharing – SERCC participants shared topics of mutual interest, specific challenges/successes relating to the issue in their Board and potential solutions based on feedback from Boards and Authorities from across the London Region

B. June 9, 2017 PD Day

Lisa Thompson-Power

- Chatham/UCC site – Renee Ellis, Occupational Therapist from CPRI presented “Sensory Challenges and Supports for Students”
- The presentation covered the difficulties our students may have with sensory processing, how this may affect their emotional, behavioural and learning abilities and some strategies to support them in the classroom
- Sarnia/ St. Patrick’s site – Erin Watkins, Child and Youth Worker from CPRI presented “Looking for Connection: A User-Friendly Framework to Promote Secure Attachment”
- The presentation provided a general overview of attachment theory and research findings to help take the guess work out of knowing what our students need; an in-depth explanation of the “Circle of Security” was presented in relation to the attachment theory
- Information on trauma and the effects trauma can have on our students was also shared in relation to the attachment theory.
- At both sites, the afternoon was spent with the Behaviour Support Team and the Program Resource Consultants on training the EAs in Collaborative and Proactive Solutions (CPS)
- The EA group has now received the same level of training as both the Administrators and the PRT group
- The training focused on how to prepare for and effectively implement Plan B conversations

C. Special Needs Strategy

Deb Crawford

- 4 Ministries: Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Ministry of Community and Social Services, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- 2 Service Delivery Areas (S/L and C/K) with 2 working tables in each SDA (Coordinated Service Planning and Integrated Delivery of Rehabilitation Services – OT, PT and Speech)
- Focus of the proposals: identifying children’s needs earlier and connecting them to the right help sooner (new developmental screening process for children in the preschool years); coordinating service planning for children and youth with multiple and/or complex special needs will connect families to the right services and supports; making the delivery of

rehabilitation services seamless – OT, PT and speech services will be easier to access and seamless from birth through the school years (Tiered Service Delivery Framework is a focus)

- Depending on the readiness of each Service Delivery Area, and with approval by the Ministries, implementation of new service delivery models is expected to begin as early as Fall 2018.

D. Special Education Report

Brendan Deery

- The Special Education Report will be presented to the Board at the June 20th Board meeting
- SEAC has approved the amendments to the 2016 – 2017 Special Education Report at the April 10th SEAC meeting

E. Thoughts for Next Year

Brendan Deery

- Brendan thanked the SEAC members for their presentations on the organizations they represent
- Please contact Brendan if you have suggestions for presentations for the 2017-2018 SEAC meetings

G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

A. Michelle Parks thanked all of the members for their participation and commitment to SEAC

B. The Ontario Ministry of Education announced that it has approved the Board's funding request for \$26.7 million to build two new Catholic elementary schools in Chatham.

C. SCCDSB received approximately \$600 000.00 for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction capital funding which will be used to support projects at St. Anne Catholic School, Sarnia and St. Patrick High School, Sarnia

QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

H. NEXT YEAR'S MEETING DATES:

September 18, 2017

October 16, 2017

November 20, 2017

December 18, 2017

January 15, 2018

February 12, 2018

March 19, 2018

April 9, 2018

May 14, 2018

June 11, 2018

I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

J. September 18, 2017 – Downs Syndrome Presentation

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Cathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Carla Alway to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

CARRIED