

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 21, 2016 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 Melissa Perry
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 Janet Boyle Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Sara Vadovic

Regrets: Chris Preece, Sara Vadovic, Brenda Rumble, Clare Latimer

Absent:

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Deb Crawford
Board Advisor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

MOTION BY Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Derek McGivern to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from October 17, 2016

MOTION BY Derek Jane and seconded by Kim D’Hooghe to accept the minutes from the October 17, 2016 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg

Derek McGivern

- Welcome to Deb Hook– new director for Community Living Wallaceburg
- Community Living Wallaceburg provides to more than 400 families with intellectual or related disabilities across Chatham Kent
- The presentation focused on the supports and services provided by Community Living Wallaceburg which has been serving families for 60 years
- There is group home support, in home support, employment support, individual and family directed supports (Special Services at Home), etc.
- Part of federal lead Canadian Association for Community Living
- The province is changing the funding model to Passport funding / Individual funding whereby families will receive funding in one lump sum from which they will determine and manage the supports and services of their choice
- Community Living supports inclusive education and inclusive communities

- B. SLP Presentation

Janice Cornell & Heather Molyneux

- A presentation was shared to inform SEAC of the Speech Language Pathologist role in the school board and all the role entails
- SLPs work with school staff to help them understand the needs of students with speech delays or disorders.
- 10% of school age children have a speech/language delay or disorder
- Services provided include: screening, assessment and interpretation, recommendations of speech and language goals, direct programming including intervention, conferencing with parents and the school based team, community liaison and consultation with school staff and parents

- The protocol shares information on how we work with the police, as well as the responsibilities of each the police and the schools
- The protocol supports community policing – helping students understand their role in the community as good citizens
- The school staff are aware of the protocol with police as they work with us in our schools
- The protocol includes sections detailing: a coordinated approach to violence prevention, information sharing and disclosure, procedures for reporting to police, initial police contact, school and police investigations of incidents, police interviews of students, reporting of children suspected to be in need of protection, investigations involving students with special needs, occurrences involving children under age 12, school board communication strategy, protocol review process, physical safety issues, risk assessment services, emergency planning and threats to school safety, training, and, dealing with the media

3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Derek McGivern
- Travel Lottery tickets are available for purchase
- 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 Alway
- Fusion food and wine event was a success
 - Housing initiative won a proposal for housing initiative with Habitat – ‘Key’ ceremony was October 31, 2016
- G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent Clare Latimer
- No report
- H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy
- Having community outreach and parent discussion Nov 23, 2016 and Dec 2, 2016 from 6 – 8 pm at King George public school in Chatham

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- A. N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. N/A

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. SERCC Report

Janet Boyle & Lisa Thompson-Power

- Special Education Regional Coordinator/Consultant Conference (SERCC), for the 16 London Region school boards and 3 School Authorities associated with the Regional Special Education Council, London Regional Office, was held on November 10 & 11, 2016.
- The theme of the conference was Mental Health and Math to coincide with the Ministry focus (Renewed Math Strategy)
- Dr. Christine Purcell, Child and Adolescent Neuropsychologist with the Greater Essex County DSB was the keynote and spoke on Mindfulness and Self-Regulation
- Additional speakers included: Barb Dorington – Social Worker with London Catholic DSB, Kyle Pearce – Math Consultant with Greater Essex County DSB, and Connie Quadri with the Ministry of Education
- Ministry presentations included updates from Louise Sirisko, Director, Special Education Policy & Programs Branch, Joy Antoniuk and Virginia Rutledge

B. New Autism Specialist Position

Sara Vadovic

- Defer to December 19, 2016

C. Special Education Report – Special Education Amount Process/Review

Brendan Deery

- Defer to December 19, 2016 SEAC meeting

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- Nov 9, 2016 a public consultation for the PARC in Chatham was held. It was well attended. The 12 key items for discussion around the consolidation of schools in Chatham were broken down.
- There is a meeting on Nov 29, 2016 of the PARC Committee (21 members). The public can attend but cannot participate
- A schedule has been established for PARC Public and PARC Committee meetings in January and February of 2017.
- The goal is for the final decisions and recommendations from the PARC Committee to be shared with the Board and then sent to the trustees at the end of February 2017 for a decision.

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9. NEXT MEETING DATE: December 19, 2016 at 7:00pm.

10. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

December 19, 2016 – Community Living Chatham-Kent

April 10, 2017 - Down Syndrome Association Lambton County

January 16, 2017 - Voice for Hearing Impaired Children

May 15, 2017 - Lambton County Developmental Services

February 13, 2017 - Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Derek McGivern to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm.

CARRIED