

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 12, 2018 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 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	Lisa Demers Brendan Deery Janet Boyle Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Sara Vadovic
Guests: Lenora Cavacas, Shannon Brown	
Regrets: Michelle Parks, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Lisa Thompson-Power	
Absent: Cynthia Blair, Juli Faubert, Derek McGivern	

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Lisa Demers
Board Advisor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

MOTION BY Derek Jane and seconded by Clare Latimer to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from November 20, 2017

MOTION BY Clare Latimer and seconded by Carla Alway to accept the minutes from the November 20, 2017 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. BRISC and ChYMH presentations SCCDSB Wellness Team

- BRISC – (Brief Intervention for School Clinicians)- evidence informed mental health intervention for children and youth. Currently 7 CYWs and 1 SW trained with our Board. Students are typically seen for four sessions, but can be seen for more if deemed necessary. In the first session both anxiety and depression are scored to obtain a baseline. The scores will determine next steps in terms of intervention. After four sessions the scores are taken again to see where the student is at. The BRISC is very student driven in that the student determines the problem/goal they would like to tackle/need help with.
- ChYMH – (Child and Youth Mental Health Instrument) – assessment tool used with children aged 4-18. Once you have the assessment completed you will have a Collaborative Action Plan, which helps with support planning for the child and/or family, assist with triage decisions, determine risks and help determine what areas are needed for treatment and intervention.

- B. Changes to ***Parent Guide to Special Education*** Brendan Deery

- The changes to the Board's *Parent Guide to Special Education* were reviewed. The changes are based on the new Special Education Resource and Policy Guide that the Ministry released in 2017 to ensure that both are aligned.

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Derek McGivern

- n/a

- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Derek Jane

- No report

- C. Epilepsy Support Centre Tabitha Cook
- March is Epilepsy Awareness month. Activities are booked in some of our schools. A new policy will be coming in September.
- D. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
- n/a
- 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
- Latest brochure was distributed
- 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. Teen Transition Kit Sara Vadovic
- Training occurred today with Bob Vansickle and Kathy Hook from Community Living Sarnia-Lambton. Six secondary staff attended the training. The training focused on the importance of job experience/Co-Op/volunteer opportunities for our students with an intellectual disability.
- B. Self-Regulation Conference with Stuart Shanker Brendan Deery
- The Behaviour Support Team recently attended self-regulation training. The focus of the training was on the difference between misbehavior vs. stress behavior. Stressors in our children’s lives can come from all or some of the five domains (biological, emotional, cognitive, social and prosocial). These domains can cause stress behavior in our students that is sometimes misinterpreted as misbehavior.
- C. Special Education Report Brendan Deery
- We are currently updating the Special Education Report to match the language in the updated Provincial documents. Some of the changes were shared with the group.

D. iCan Bike

- Information shared regarding the iCan Bike program being run through Pathways. Flyer was distributed to SEAC members.

E. Autism Pilot

- Updates include the hiring of a BCBA. The EAs that will be participating in the training portion of the training have been identified.

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- A. No report

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. No questions

12. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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13. FUTURE MEETING DATES

March 19, 2018

April 9, 2018

May 14, 2018

June 11, 2018

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Tabitha Cook and seconded by Clare Latimer to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm.

CARRIED