

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 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 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	Deb Crawford Brendan Deery Janet Boyle Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Sara Vadovic

Guest – Jeff Mocco, Parent Support Representative, Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter,
Ryan Allaer, attended on behalf of Derek McGivern

Regrets: Janet Boyle, Brenda Rumble, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott

Absent: Derek McGivern, Melissa Perry, Cynthia Blair and Juli Faubert

*Brenda Rumble
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 Clare Latimer to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from October 16, 2017

MOTION BY Derek Jane and seconded by Carla Alway to accept the minutes from the October 16, 2017 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Autism Ontario

Tracey Haddy & Jeff Mocco

- Jeff shared information about Autism Ontario who provide local social learning activities to get those with autism, their families and friends connected with the community
- They try to do one activity per month. The events are planned for all ages allowing families to try out first time activities in a safe environment
- They do many fundraising activities. Proceeds go to address family activity funding gaps during key times (March Break and summer)
- They have a webinar series: autismontario.com, select webinar tab. All webinar topics are available online
- Some of the latest developments in the province were shared: school based ABA pilots, after school ABA programming grants, Ontario Autism Program, new research priorities, addressing the gap for older people Autism Ontario contact information: Email: chathamkent@autismontario.com and for events go to Eventbrite Autism Ontario SW, www.facebook.com/autismontario-ChathamKent and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/autismontarioCK>

B. Theories of ABA

Jill DeMaeyer & Lynn Tourangeau

- The following aspects of ABA were shared:
- Common Misconceptions of ABA – video clip.
- Functional Behaviour Analysis – data collection to determine the function of the behaviour. Functional Behaviour Analysis can be done in conjunction with Collaborative & Proactive Solutions
- Expected vs. Unexpected behavior can be taught using social mapping and social thinking (Michelle Garcia Winner video clip)
- Prompting and Fading hierarchy includes natural cues, gestures, verbal prompts, visual/picture cues, modeling, physical (partial/full) prompts, and full physical prompts
- Extinction Burst – trying to change a behavior usually resulting in a temporary increase in the behavior. Planned ignoring is also an extinction procedure. The adult ignores the undesirable behavior not the child.
- Visuals help organize the child's brain/thinking. Examples of visuals include daily schedules, mini schedules, calendars, choice boards, task analysis, chaining, and shaping
- Reinforcement – the only person who can really say what is reinforcing is the person who is being reinforced. Reinforcement can be verbal, social, edible and/or tangible. The goal of reinforcement is independence.
- Don't Limit Me video by Megan Bomgaars
- Data Collection is important. If you haven't taken the data, then it is just another opinion. Data helps determine next steps.
- Amazing Things Happen – video

3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg** **Derek McGivern**
• No report
- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent** **Derek Jane**
• No report
- C. Epilepsy Support Centre** **Tabitha Cook**
• The agency is working with a neurology team on a comprehensive plan to share with the school board to help support the board implement the PPM 161.
- 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 Alway**
• Fusion Food and Wine was a great success – thank you to all who attended.
- G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent** **Clare Latimer**
• Received late this afternoon, a message from the Minister of Education with regard to the upcoming regional engagement sessions. The question was asked, how are parents being invited to the sessions – SEAC member representation? Dec 4 2017 is the first and closest session taking place in Windsor. The board will send representation. SEAC is welcome to send information to bring to the session to Michelle Parks and/or Deb Crawford.
- 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. November 24th EA PA Day** **Sara Vadovic**
• EAs will participate in educational carousels of their choice, with teaching staff, in the morning and they will work on training modules specific to their role in the afternoon. The day will be spent at either UCC or St. Patrick’s.
- B. Last year’s Mental Wellbeing Report & Mind Up curriculum** **Chris Preece**
• Mind Up is being implemented in classrooms across the board by the Child and Youth Workers
• Mind Up teaches kids about their brain and their thoughts, feelings and actions
• Mind Up is embedded in social theory. The theory and lessons taught in Mind Up is utilized in the 1:1 sessions and small group sessions with students.
• Chris also provided the Mental Health Lead report highlighting supports in schools for mental health at each tier

C. Lexia Implementation and Autism Pilot

Brendan Deery

- Lexia – initially 264 grade 2 students were provided a license to work on Lexia. These licenses are up and running. The second phase is now underway for students identified as Communication: Learning Disability – 150 licenses. The PRTs have been trained in Lexia and will support the teachers and staff in their school(s). More and more students are being added. We have a total of 500 licenses to distribute.
- Autism Pilot – slowly being rolled out by the government in stages. A pilot project coordinator has been hired. We can now hire a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA). The site is St. Matthew. Brendan shared the role description of the BCBA and the project coordinator. The project is well underway. The only students who can be involved are those who are actively involved in ABA services.

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- A. Principal and Vice Principal moves were approved. Lisa Demers is the new Superintendent of Education effective December 1, 2017.

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. N/A

9. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES

<p>MOTION BY Clare Latimer and seconded by Carla Alway to cancel the December 18, 2017 SEAC meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
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- January 15, 2018
- February 12, 2018
- March 19, 2018
- April 9, 2018
- May 14, 2018
- June 11, 2018

11. ADJOURNMENT

<p>MOTION BY Kim D’Hooghe and seconded by Carla Always to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
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