

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – Ursuline Room

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Wallaceburg	Derek McGivern
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Steve Stokely
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	Holly Diloreto Nicole Domonchuk

Regrets: Clare Latimer, Tabitha Cook, Chris Preece

Absent: Juli Faubert, Ed Freeburn, Stacy Shepley

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Lisa Demers
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 February 12, 2018

MOTION BY Derek McGivern and seconded by Kathy Arcuri-Arnott to accept the minutes from the February 12, 2018 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. St. Clair College – Community Integration through Co-op Education program Holly Diloreto

- CICE is designed for individuals with developmental disabilities and other significant learning challenges and is primarily a transition to employment program. The program is made up of two different types of courses – employability training and academic post-secondary courses. Every student will receive support by a Learning Facilitator in their academic courses and will have private support time scheduled during the week. Students will also participate in field placements during Semesters 2, 3 and 4 in their field of interest, if possible.
- Admission Requirements: OSSD, OSSC or Mature Student status (19 years of age or older); a developmental disability; a level of independence that does not require constant support; the ability to manage their own transportation to the college and placements.
- Applicant selection is based on the admission requirements, application package and interview.

- B. Autism Behaviour Science Program – Lambton College Nicole Domonchuk

- The Autism Behaviour Science Program at Lambton College is the result of advocacy work of local parents to the Ministry so that Autism specific training would be available in south-western Ontario. One full-time instructor and several part-time instructors have delivered the program since 2007.
- Admission requirement is a college diploma or university degree in a related field. This includes Child and Youth Care Developmental Service Worker, Early Childhood Education, Social Service Worker, Therapeutic Recreation, Psychology, Child/Family Studies, Sociology, and Nursing. It is an 8 Month Program with a September intake. The focus of the course is ABA (Applied Behaviour Analysis). The Fall semester courses are Introduction to ASD,

Introduction to ABA, Working with Families and Teams, Ethics and Professionalism, Specialized Instructional Strategies, NVCI Training, and Field Placement I. The Winter semester courses are Behavioural Skill Building, Treating Challenging Behaviours, Transition Planning and Implementation, Parent and Staff Training, and Field Placement II. Future goals include broadening the scope of materials to include the geriatric population; ongoing updates to the curriculum materials to ensure students are trained in current best-practice; expanding partnerships with local school boards beyond student placements, towards ongoing training for employees; and marketing the program to university graduates who are looking for applied, job ready skills to add to their theoretical learning.

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

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| A. Community Living Wallaceburg | Derek McGivern |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Lunch is April 19th • May is Community Living Month – flag raising in Wallaceburg on May 2nd • A special “relaxed performance” of Good Ol’ Country Gospel production, sponsored by Community Living Wallaceburg is being held at Victoria Playhouse, Petrolia on Thursday, May 10th (brochure provided) • Annual Golf Classic at Maple City Country Club on May 25th (brochure provided) | |
| B. Community Living Chatham | Steve Stokley |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May is Community Living Month – flag raising in Chatham on May 8th • Circles/Relationships Workshop on May 26th in Chatham (flyer provided) • Jumpstart Lambton Kent Teen Transition Fair: Life After High School for Teens with Special Needs (Chatham-Kent Secondary School, Chatham) - April 18th (flyer provided) | |
| C. Epilepsy Support Centre | Tabitha Cook |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report | |
| D. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children | Kathy Arcuri-Arnott |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report | |
| E. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County | Kim D’Hooghe |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report | |
| F. Lambton County Developmental Services | Carla Always |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumpstart Lambton Kent Teen Transition Fair: Life After High School for Teens with Disabilities (Great Lakes Secondary School, Sarnia) – April 21st (flyer provided) | |
| G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent | Clare Latimer |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report | |
| H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter | Tracey Haddy |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on summer learning opportunities for children with Autism and their families | |

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- A. N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. N/A

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Pre-school Transitions

Lisa Thompson-Power

- The initial preschool transition meetings for students with moderate to high needs in both Sarnia-Lambton and Chatham-Kent were held in early March. The follow-up Spring school-based team meetings will be held in May and early June. There is an increase in the number of students with moderate to high needs entering school for the first time.

B. Sowing the Seeds for Literacy

Janet Boyle

- “Sowing the Seeds for Literacy” is a one-day conference for early years educators. This year’s conference was held on Saturday, March 3rd at Lambton College Event Centre in Sarnia. The theme of the morning session was “Reading, Rhythm and Rhyme”, with Kathy Reid-Naiman, a children’s performer as the keynote speaker. Through fingerplays, repetitive rhymes, songs and singing games, Cathy provided a very participatory workshop. Participants chose 2 of 4 workshops for the afternoon session: Using Mindfulness to Foster Well-being in YOU and the Children for Whom You Care; Self-Regulation: The Shanker Model; Story-Time Planning; and Growing Early Literacy with New Books, Apps and e-devices. Committee Members are from the SCCDSB, the LKDSB, County of Lambton, Pathways Health Centre for Children, Lambton County Library system, Soundstart (Lambton Preschool Speech and Language Program), EarlyOn Child and Family Centre, and the Supervisor’s Network of Lambton County.

C. Enhanced Transitions

Sara Vadovic

- Enhanced transition meetings for students with more complex needs transitioning from Grade 8 to Grade 9 were held in January and February. All students with an IEP will have a transition meeting. Over 100 meetings will be held for students in our Board transitioning from Grade 8 to Grade 9.

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

A. The Trustees approved one Principal retirement as well as the Principal and Vice-Principal moves for 2018-2019.

B. The Trustees approved the School Year Calendar 2018-2019.

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. No Questions

9. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES

May 14, 2018
June 11, 2018

11. ADJOURNMENT

<p>MOTION BY Derek McGivern and seconded by Cathy Arcuri-Arnott to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
