

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 16, 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: Helen Van Slightenhorst, Vice President, Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County

Regrets: Janet Boyle, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott

Absent: Derek McGivern, Tabitha Cook, Cynthia Blair, Stacy Shepley

*Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson*

*Deb Crawford
Board Advisor*

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from September 18, 2017

MOTION BY Derek Jane and seconded by Clare Latimer to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2017 SEAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Down Syndrome Presentation

Kim D'Hooghe

- Presentation given by Helen Van Sligtenhorst
- What parents want for their children with developmental disabilities: independence, social skills (personal space, how to wait in line, how to be independent at Tim Horton's), daily living skills (cooking skills, measurement skills, entertainment (games, puzzles).
- Down Syndrome Association – group of parents there to support each other. It's a non profit organization. The association promotes and protects the right of all individuals with Down Syndrome. Services through the association include speech therapy, social activities, and a parent support group.
- Website www.cdss.ca has an abundance of tips, strategies etc.

- B. CHYMH Assessment Tool

Chris Preece

- Chris provided an update on the supports for Mental Health in our Board. The focus is to think upstream and target our tier one students, through evidence based, class wide programs such as "Minds Up". Small groups are formed for students in tier two and support may be provided through the Child and Youth Workers. Tier three students (3-12 percent) often have individualized support through the Social Worker as well as community agencies/partners.
- CHYMH - Child and Youth Mental Health Screener for ages 4-18. This tool is aimed at students in "tier 2". This screening instrument allows for evidence based methods to collect and input data into a software program that provides outcomes, algorithm of need and collaborative action plans. This tool is also in our community (agencies and hospitals) and with permissions families/students can have partners share this information with each other.

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg

Derek McGivern

- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Derek Jane

- No report

- C. Epilepsy Support Centre

Tabitha Cook

- 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
- Wine and cheese fusion show is sold out.
- G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent Clare Latimer
- No Report
- H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy
- No Report
- A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
- n/a

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- n/a

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. EA PA Day – Chatham-Kent Lisa Thompson-Power
- Two CYWs presented regarding their roles in the board and what’s available to the students.
 - CPRI also came and presented the CHYMH
 - BMS recertification took place in the afternoon
- B. EA PA Day – Sarnia-Lambton Sara Vadovic
- CPRI presented on Mood Disorders
 - Autism Support Team gave an ABA in-service
- C. New PRT Orientation Lisa Thompson-Power
- First day provided them with the information they needed to know immediately about their role as well as how to meet the needs of all their students
 - Second day was spent discussing IPRCs, IEPs etc. as well as Collaborative and Proactive Solutions
 - Third day is coming up and is dedicated to Autism and ABA in-service and training
- D. Update on Lexia Implementation Brendan Deery
- All the grade 2 “struggling readers” students have been set up
 - Next step will be to determine the next group of students that will be on Lexia. The focus is on students with a Communication: LD
- E. Update on Autism Pilot Brendan Deery
- Continue to work with the Ministry on finalizing the details of this project. A project coordinator has been hired - Katey Coffey

6. **REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

- A. No report

7. **QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

8. **PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

9. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

December 18, 2017

February 12, 2018

April 9, 2018

June 11, 2018

January 15, 2018

March 19, 2018

May 14, 2018

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY Kim D'Hogghe and seconded by Carla Always to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED