

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – Ursuline Room

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Wallaceburg	Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Steve Stokley
Community Living Sarnia-Lambton	Rachel Veilleux / Brenda Roby
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D’Hooghe
Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter	Tracey Haddy
Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent	Jessica Constancio
Wellness & Emotional Support For Youth Online	Michelle Parks
Trustee	Brenda Rumble Linda Ward
Principal Representatives	Cynthia Blair Colleen Cogghe Ed Freeburn Stacy Shepley
Board Advisors	Lisa Demers Brendan Deery Janet Boyle Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Sara Vadovic

Guests: Amy Janssens

Regrets: Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Brenda Rumble, Jessica Constancio, Linda Ward, Christine Preece, Sara Vadovic

Absent:

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Lisa Demers
Board Advisor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

MOTION BY Kim D'Hooghe and seconded by **Steve Stokely** to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from January

MOTION BY Wendy Smith and seconded by **Rachael Veilleux** to accept the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. Special Education Budget

Amy Janssens

- Amy reviewed the Special Education revenues and expenses for the 2019-2020 Special Education budget
- The Special Education budget is shown with a small deficit for 2019-2020
- Operating budget for Special Education is only .8% of the total operating budget
- The proposed budget will be presented to the Board on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 for approval.

B. Summary of 2018-19 Special Education Objectives

Brendan Deery

- CSP: CST Team completed 32 placements; Elementary Support Teachers completed an additional 33 placements; 3 EAs were added to CST to provide additional support and follow up sessions
- ABA Team: completed 112 placements at various schools throughout the Board
- Piloted the AFLS program with 6 students at St. Pat's and 6 students at UCC
- Renewed Math Strategy – 4 elementary schools
- Completed IEP reviews in each of our 26 schools
- LEXIA – added 250 licenses for a total of 750 - added PowerUp program
- Ministry Pilot to Improve School Based Supports for Students with ASD – Year 2; one student this year in the designated space
- New pathway to support children who require speech-language services
- Board teams and staff provided with trauma training; focus on the creation of common referral form
- Departmental training on the various pathways
- Updates to the Special Education web page to include department changes and current practices to continue in 2019-2020

C. 2019-20 Special Education Objectives

Brendan Deery

- To introduce the CST model into demonstration classrooms in schools in the Board
- To continue to implement ABA services to support children
- To continue to implement vocational skills for secondary students with intellectual abilities and Autism to assist them in transitioning to life after high school
- To review programming for students with modified and alternative IEPs
- Continue with the implementation of the LEXIA reading program with Grade 2, 3 and 4 students
- Continue to maintain a designated space for community services to implement OAP goals for students.
- To continue to implement our Pathway to support children who require Speech Language Services. To work more closely with our community partners in supporting children who require speech language services.
- To continue to update the special education web page to include department changes and current practices. The update is to be completed by June 2020.
- To implement the revised Program Resource Teacher structure/document into the schools of the board.

- To create a Google Calendar outlining key dates/timelines required by Program Resource Teachers to complete their duties and to align with Ministry requirements.
- To implement a common form for school making a referral to access support from system level teams.
- To implement a new literacy/numeracy assessment tool used by Program Resource Teachers to determine academic baselines for individual students
- To implement the SEAIT Special Education Amount inventory tracking tool in all schools in the board.

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg** Wendy Smith
- Launch of summer programs is in progress
- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent** Steve Stokley
- Launch of summer programs is in progress
 - Focus on summer employment
- C. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton** Rachel Veilleux
- Annual Picnic is June 22 at Canatara Park, Sarnia
 - Summer Programs: Summer Employment Transitions; Summer Youth Adventure Camp
- D. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children** Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
- No Report
- E. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County** Kim D’Hooghe
- No Report
- F. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter** Tracey Haddy
- Service Navigator, Kathleen Foubister appointed to service the families of Lambton-Kent
 - Provides information about the Ontario Autism Program and helps connect families to service providers and resources available in their local communities
- G. Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent** Jessica Constancio
- No Report
- H. Wellness & Emotional Support For Youth Online** Michelle Parks
- No Report

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

N/A

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Lexia 2019-20** Brendan Deery
- Lexia will continue to be provided to students in 2019-2020 school year
 - Focus will be early intervention with struggling readers in Grades 2, 3 and 4
 - Staff will continue to be trained
- B. Autism Pilot 2019-20** Brendan Deery
- Continue with the “designated space” in September 2019 at St. Matthew, Sarnia
 - Funding provided for space only
 - Currently there is an agreement with Thames Valley Children’s Centre

C. SERCC

Janet Boyle/Lisa Thompson-Power

- Special Education Regional Consultants and Coordinators Conference: May 30 & 31, 2019
- Keynote: Kelly Rogers, PSY S., BCBA – Autism Education & Intervention Specialist, START Project, Grand Valley State University
- Ministry updates were shared by Joy Antoniuk and Virginia Rutledge from our Southwest regional office

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- No Report

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- N/A

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- TBD

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- The associations present agreed to make an association presentation at SEAC next year.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Michelle Parks and seconded by **Tracey Haddy** to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

CARRIED