

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 25, 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: Al Hendry, Lois Warden	
Regrets: Ryan Allaer, Kathy Arcuri-Arnott, Michelle Parks	
Absent: Ed Freeburn, Sara Vadovic	

*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 Stokley to adopt the agenda.

**CARRIED**

- C. Review of Minutes from January

**MOTION BY** Linda Ward and seconded by Tracey Haddy to accept the minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting.

**CARRIED**

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Mental Health Lead Trauma Training Christine Preece
  - Deferred to the April 8, 2019 SEAC meeting
- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent – School Days to Pay Days, Developmental Service Ontario (DSO), Passport

**School Days to Pay Days**

- Steve Stokley and Dave Barei, both from Community Living Chatham Kent, presented a slide deck on School Days to Pay Days that a collaborative approach to employment funded by the Ministry over 2 years.
- It is a collaborative program between Community Living Chatham Kent, Truly Green Greenhouses, the Municipality of Chatham Kent, the SCCDSB and the LKDSB.
- The goal of the program is to create a pathway for students with an intellectual disability to transfer from secondary school to meaningful employment in the green house or other industries.
- The Toolkit for Transitions program, developed by Community Living Sarnia, Community Living Chatham Kent, and Community Living Wallaceburg, was used as a resource for the program.
- The first group of four students were from Ursuline College Chatham in the SCCDSB. The current students for second semester are from LKDSB.
- At the end of the project, a final report will be produced for the Ministry and all partners. It is hoped the project can continue in some capacity.

**Developmental Service Ontario (DSO)**

- Al Hendry from DSO presented a slide deck to provided information on Planning for Success -DSO – “Your access point for adult developmental services” is their tag line.
- DSO is a legislated application entity. DSO does not handle money nor do they determine priority level. They hold the waitlist and inform the process only.
- Services provided by DSO: provision of information, confirm eligibility for support, assessment of support needs, link people to services and supports.
- Requirements: Must be at least 18 years of age however, people are encouraged to begin the DSO process at 17.5 years of age to get the person’s name on the list, person must have a developmental disability in accordance with the Act and Regulations, the person must be a resident of ON and a Canadian citizen. An updated psychological report is required documentation.
- There is funding support through the RSA for families to have the psychological assessment done as part of the requirement. People can call DSO to go on the waitlist for a psychological assessment as early as 16 years of age.
- DSO = Support Funding and/or MCCSS funded services/programs whereby ODSP = income support (monthly). They are separate service agencies who do not share information or databases.

### **Passport Program**

- Lois Warden from DSO presented a slide deck to provide information on the Passport Program.
- It is funding established to support adults with a developmental disability that can be used to aid them in becoming involved in their community and in supporting them to live as independently as possible. It provides funding for respite services for primary caregivers of an adult with a developmental disability. The funding supports community participation, daily living activities, caregiver respite, person-directed planning and administrative supports.
- It is recurring funding received annually.
- Requirements:
  - must be 18 years of age but can apply earlier,
  - must go through DSO,
  - can still be attending school,
  - must be interested in being involved in the community.
- Passport funding is not considered income for recipients as all reimbursements are based on expenses incurred. Funding allocation is determined on an individualized basis and it is portable within the province of ON.
- Passport One is the new funding model for the Passport Program.

### 3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

#### A. **Community Living Wallaceburg**

Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith

- Box lunch is on April 11, 2019. All orders are due by April 1, 2019. The annual golf tournament will take place on May 31, 2019 at Maple City Golf and Country Club.

#### B. **Community Living Chatham-Kent**

Steve Stokley

- No report

#### C. **Community Living Sarnia-Lambton**

Rachel Veilleux / Brenda Roby

- Due to funding changes, Job Path will now accept students connected to the co-op program at St Patrick's Catholic High School. The goal of the Job Path program is for students to go from school straight into paid employment.
- Pamphlets for upcoming events were shared – trips to Niagara Falls, the Toronto Zoo, to see the play Grease, for the annual boat cruise, and for the Mayor's luncheon.

#### D. **VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children**

Kathy Arcuri-Arnott

- No report.

#### E. **Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County**

Kim D'Hooghe

- March 21, 2019 was world Down Syndrome day. There was a funky sock day for awareness.

#### F. **Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter**

Tracey Haddy

- Autism Ontario, at the provincial level, is in the process of creating an ABA provider list for Ontario where families can contact them for available names of providers. They will also do service navigation for families. The list of providers will be comprised of BCBAs and psychologists who will set the programs. There will also be a separate list for instructor therapists. Qualifications of the providers for the list have yet to be determined.

#### G. **Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent**

Jessica Constancio

- CTC and Pathways are hosting "Coffee and Conversations" for parents raising individuals with FASD. This event will be held at Pathways on March 27, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and at CTC on March 28, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Any caregiver of a person with FASD can attend.

#### 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. Update Pre-school Intakes**

Lisa Thompson-Power

- Preschool transition meetings were held at the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham Kent on February 28 and March 1, 2019 and at Pathways Health Centre for Children in Sarnia on March 5, 2019.
- Parents, community agency therapists and consultants attend to share information with school board consultants and school teams.
- All students have been registered at their home school for September 2019.
- To date, we are aware of 15 preschool transition students entering school in September 2019 who are considered to have special needs and 24 preschool transition students considered to have special needs entering school in September 2019 in Sarnia Lambton.

**B. Sowing the Seeds for Literacy Conference**

Janet Boyle

- "Sowing the Seeds" for Literacy is a conference for early years educators, including ECE and Kindergarten teachers, librarians, daycare workers and others working with children birth to 6 years of age.
- This was our 13<sup>th</sup> year for this conference and it was held on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lambton College Event Centre in Sarnia.
- The theme of the morning session was, "Back to Basics" – based on feedback from previous year.
- Keynotes: Heather Molyneaux – SLP and Janine Ross – primary teacher at St. Anne, Sarnia.
- Topics included the foundational skills of emergent literacy, including phonological awareness and shared reading skills.
- Committee Members include Janet Boyle and Heather Molyneaux from SCCDSB, Pathways Health Centre for Children, Lambton County Library system, Soundstart (Lambton Preschool Speech and Language Program) and Early On Child and Family.

**7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

- Deferred to April 8, 2019.

**8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**9. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

April 8, 2019  
May 13, 2019  
June 10, 2019

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Options presentation
- Trauma training

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY** Steve Stokely and seconded by Kim D'Hooghe to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.

**CARRIED**