

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – Ursuline Room

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Community Living Wallaceburg	Derek McGivern/Wendy Smith
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Steve Stokley
Epilepsy Support Centre	
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Kathy Arcuri-Arnott
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D’Hooghe
Lambton County Developmental Services	
Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent	
Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter	Tracey Haddy
Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent	Jessica Constancio
Trustees	Brenda Rumble Michelle Parks
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 – **Americo Todino**, Principal-Georges P. Vanier; **Frank Torti**, Vice Principal-St. Patrick’s; **Erin Moffat Sharpe**, Vice Principal-St. Patrick’s; **Carrie Webb Coene**, Teacher-Sec Resource; **Mary Ann McCrae**, Principal-St. Ursula; **Ray Power**, Principal U.C.C.; Lisa Harnarine, Dept. Head-Guidance, U.C.C.; **Heather Carron-Doyle**, CYW; **Michelle Toutant**, **Juliana Foulis**, & **Amanda Brown**, System Resource Teachers

Regrets: Brenda Rumble, Juli Faubert, Ed Freeburn, Stacy Shepley, Janet Boyle

Absent: Frank Torti, Erin Moffat Sharpe

Brenda Rumble
SEAC Chairperson

Lisa Demers
Board Advisor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

MOTION BY Derek McGivern and seconded by Kathy Arcuri-Arnott to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from January

MOTION BY Kathy Arcuri- Arnott and seconded by Steve Stokley to accept the minutes from the October 15, 2018 meeting.

CARRIED

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Collaborative Support Team**

Heather Carron-Doyle, Michelle Toutant,
Juliana Foulis, Amanda Brown

- The Collaborative Support Team (CST) shared information about Collaborative and Proactive Solutions (CPS) (Dr. Ross Greene) and Self-Regulation (Dr. Stuart Shanker - The Mehrit Centre)
- The presentation specifically addressed: both philosophies independent of each other, how both philosophies complement each other, how each frames behaviour, and day to day practical applications of both CPS and Self-Regulation
- The CST uses both philosophies and approaches in working with staff and students in our schools
- CPS – “Kids Do Well If They Can”
- Self-Regulation – “See A Child Differently, You See A Different Child”

B. **Understanding the IEP**

Brendan Deery

- An IEP exemplar was shared for the purpose of walking through the entire document highlighting how each section links and relates back to the Assessment Data. The result being an IEP that is individualized to the student in meeting his/her needs and working to his/her strengths as reported in the assessments.
- The IEP is a working document and can change to meet the child’s needs as the child changes and grows in skill development throughout each year.

3. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. **Community Living Wallaceburg**

Derek McGivern

- Derek introduced Wendy Smith who was present at the meeting, and Ryan Allaer, both of whom will replace him and will attend every other SEAC meeting.
- Care and Share Family Network 3rd annual “Sounds of the Season” at the First Baptist Church is up and coming
- Travel club lottery tickets are currently available. Only 425 tickets are sold.

B. **Community Living Chatham-Kent**

Steve Stokley

- Hosting an information session to consider long term financial planning for those on ODSP will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at the Parkfield restaurant on Park Ave. in Chatham. The session will begin at 6:30 pm.
- The Capital Theatre has been rented on December 6, 2018 to show “The Santa Claus” movie, free of charge. All are welcome, the movie begins at 7:00 pm.
- Save the date – “What is PATH?” Training to take place in March 2019. There are 3 spots for the school board.

C. Epilepsy Support Centre

- N/A

D. VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children

Kathy Arcuri-Arnott

- N/A

E. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County

Kim D’Hooghe

- N/A

F. Lambton County Developmental Services

- N/A

G. Learning Disabilities Association – Chatham Kent

- N/A

H. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter

Tracey Haddy

- N/A

I. Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent

Jessica Constancio

- FASD grant money is being used to hold a 2 day training session on FASD. It will be open to caregivers (free of cost) and professionals (\$40). A location will be determined and shared.
- The dates are Jan 30 & 31, 2019

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. SERCC Presentations

Lisa Thompson Power, Sara Vadovic

- The Special Education Regional Consultant/Coordinator Conference was attended by Janet, Sara and Lisa on November 8 & 9, 2018
- Guest speakers and breakout sessions included:
 - Dr. Marc Crundwell, Psychologist from GECDSB who spoke on “Trauma, Attachment Disorder, Mental Health and Self-Regulation”
 - Dr. Elaine Williams, Psychologist from GECDSB who presented on “Students with Developmental Disabilities and Sexuality” and “DD/MID, Dual Diagnosis services and alternate programming”
 - Staff from TVDSB who spoke on “Mental Health and Well-Being”; and Mary Lou Cortese from the WECDSB who shared a new program developed for FDK students in building resilience. It is based on Dr. Stuart Shanker’s self-regulation philosophy.
- SERCC members also participated in highlighting and sharing resources specific to their board.
- Ministry officers Virginia Rutledge and Joy Antoniuk were present at the conference

B. Lexia Power Up

Brendan Deery

- Lexia Power Up training for teachers of students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will occur on November 30, 2018 and December 6, 2018.
- The Power Up program is used for children in the intermediate grades who are reading below the grade 5 level. The activities in Power Up are more suitable for intermediate aged students than the activities in the Core5 Reading program.

C. Telephone Town Hall Meetings

Lisa Demers

- Telephone Town Hall meeting information was shared with SEAC
- Copies of the details in letter format were made available to SEAC members
- The meetings are part of the Ontario government's consultation on education reform

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- At the meeting on November 13, 2018 the audit report was received and approved.

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- N/A

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

MOTION BY Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Derek McGivern to defer the December SEAC meeting to January 14, 2019.

CARRIED

January 14, 2019
March 25, 2019
May 13, 2019

February 11, 2019
April 8, 2019
June 10, 2019

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Autism pilot presentation
- ABA team presenting
- Minds Up and Coordinated Service Planning

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lisa Demers thanked Derek McGivern for his years of service on SEAC as this was his last SEAC meeting.

Lisa Demers thanked Michelle Parks for her time on SEAC as a Trustee.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Derek McGivern and seconded by Kathy Arcuri- Arnott to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm.

CARRIED