

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.  
Catholic Education Centre, Wallaceburg – Ursuline Board Room

Please contact Cathy Calvert at 1-866-336-6139 ext. 10227  
If you are unable to attend this meeting.

## 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

Trustees

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: Greta Saklak – Options Program Teacher; Tabitha - Options Program Student; Tony – Former Options Program Student

Regrets: Linda Ward, Tracey Haddy, Kim D’Hooghe,

Absent: Lisa Thompson-Power, Cynthia Blair

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome & Opening Prayer

B. Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION BY** Michelle Parks and seconded by Kathy Arcuri-Arnott to adopt the agenda. **CARRIED**

C. Review of Minutes – March 25, 2019

**MOTION BY** Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Steve Stokely to accept the minutes from the March 25, 2019 meeting. **CARRIED**

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Options Presentation

Greta Saklak

- Unique, one of a kind program which has been in operation for 15 years
- Prepares students with an intellectual disability between ages 18-21 to participate in the community
- Partnership between SCCDSB, LKDSB, Community Living Chatham and Community Living Wallaceburg
- Program housed out of St. Clair College – Thames Campus but student must be registered with either SCCDSB or LKDSB
- Maximum of 15 students selected from both Boards through an application and selection process
- Program involves both co-op placement and class participation

B. Mental Health Lead Trauma Training

Chris Preece

- Trauma is a body experience
- Different Types: Single incident; complex or repetitive; developmental trauma; intergenerational trauma; historical trauma
- Trauma is an experience, not a diagnostic category
- Therapy is the best course of action for a child with trauma
- Trauma begins with fear – “fight or flight”; children looking for safety first
- Becomes a long term response; core regulation system becomes dysregulated
- A “Child and Youth Mental Health” (ChYMH) instrument is an assessment that may be used with children ages 4 – 18
- Consistency is key with firm expectations; try to anticipate difficult times for the child

## 3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. **Community Living Wallaceburg**

Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith

- The annual golf tournament will take place on May 31, 2019 at Maple City Golf and Country Club. Details will be coming soon for the “3Rivers Roll” event for the summer of 2019. May is Community Living Month. The flag raising event will be held on May 2, 2019 at Wallaceburg Municipal Office at 10:00 a.m. Community Living Wallaceburg is hosting the May Wallaceburg & District Chamber of Commerce’s Business After Hours event on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

B. **Community Living Chatham-Kent**

Steve Stokley

- The Lambton-Kent Jumpstart Teen Transition Committee is holding the 2019 Transition Fair on May 1, 2019 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at UCC, Chatham. The flag raising event will be held on May 7, 2019 at Chatham-Kent Civic Centre at 11:00 a.m.

C. **Community Living Sarnia-Lambton**

Rachel Veilleux / Brenda Roby

- Each year Community Living Sarnia-Lambton awards four \$500.00 scholarships. The Job Path Program has provided training to many different agencies with the “Toolkit to Transition”.

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  
• No Report
- 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. Changes to the Special Education Report Brendan Deery
- Every year we are required to update the Special Education Report. Brendan outlined the changes that have been made for this year. SEAC must approve the changes before the report is brought to the Board of Trustees.
  - The motion: “SEAC agrees to accept the changes to the Special Education Report 2018-2019 as presented” was made by Steve Stokley and seconded by Michelle Parks. The Report will be posted on the Board’s website following receipt of the report by the Board of Trustees.

7. **REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

- Brenda Rumble reported that the anticipated opening of the new school in North Chatham is September 2020. Land has not been purchased to date for the new school in South Chatham.

8. **QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

9. **PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Annual Accessibility Plan
- Services with the Wellness Team

10. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

May 13, 2019  
June 10, 2019

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY** Kathy Arcuri-Arnott and seconded by Steve Stokley to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.