

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, December 16, 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 Daniella Mancusi Stacy Shepley
Board Advisors	Lisa Demers Brendan Deery Janet Boyle Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Sara Vadovic
Guests:	Tana Manchester

Regrets: Michelle Parks, Sara Vadovic, Kathy Arcuri- Arnott, Brenda Rumble, Linda Ward, Cynthia Blair

Absent: Daniella Mancusi, Chris Preece

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 Wendy Smith to adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

- C. Review of Minutes from January

MOTION BY Steve Stokley and seconded by Jessica Constancio to accept the minutes from the November 18, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Special Olympics Tana Manchester
 - Special Olympics provides athletic opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities
 - Special Olympics Ontario is dedicated to enriching the lives of Ontarians with an intellectual disability through sport
 - Special Olympics involves athletes of all ages and of all ability levels
 - The vision is that sport will open hearts and minds toward people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities all across Ontario
 - There are currently 14 programs in place in the Sarnia chapter and there are approximately 150 athletes involved
 - They provide year- round sports training and competition
 - All members of the Sarnia chapter are volunteers. There are opportunities to volunteer - volunteers are always welcome

- B. Special Education Report - Special Education Amount Brendan Deery
 - Brendan reviewed the SEA Funding model as outlined by the Ministry of Education and the role and responsibilities of all individuals involved in providing SEA equipment to students
 - SEA is comprised of two components: SEA Per Pupil Amount and SEA Claims-Based Amount
 - SEA Per Pupil Amount supports the purchase of computer based equipment to be used by students with special education needs
 - SEA Claims-Based Amount supports the purchase of non-computer based equipment to be used by students with special education needs
 - Appropriate SEA application packages must be completed and submitted for consideration prior to equipment being purchased and allocated

3. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- A. Community Living Wallaceburg Wendy Smith
 - N/A

- B. Community Living Chatham-Kent Steve Stokley
 - N/A

- C. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton Rachel Veilleux
 - 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. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter Tracey Haddy
 • N/A
- G. Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent Jessica Constancio
 • N/A
- H. Wellness & Emotional Support For Youth Online Michelle Parks
 • N/A

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. New EA hires Brendan Deery
 • The government and CUPE came to an agreement resulting in local priorities funding. As a result the Board was given another 5.5 permanent Educational Assistants
 • Due to the timelines, 1.5 additional Educational Assistants were added to the 5.5 for a total of 7.0 Educational Assistants being added to the Board allotment for the 2019 - 2020 school year
- B. New BCBA Brendan Deery
 • Autism pilot and after school skill development program
 • A new BCBA has been hired and will work specifically with the Autism Pilot and the After School Skill Development program. She will also provide support to the other two BCBA's in the Board
- C. SEA License - Ministry Changes Brendan Deery
 • We are currently in the third year of using Lexia as a Board.
 • The board purchased Lexia Core 5 and Lexia Power Up licenses are interchangeable
 • There has been a change at the Ministry of Education that allows for SEA funding to support a Lexia license if it has been recommended through a psychological assessment or a psych ed assessment
 • The distribution of SEA funded licenses started today.
 • The next stage in the roll out is to identify students currently with board licenses who qualify for SEA licenses and to move them to SEA licenses.
 • The SEA funded Lexia licenses will open up Board purchased licenses allowing us to reach more students
- D. SEA Training for Teachers Janet Boyle
 • As of January 2020, the Board is providing a half day of training to the classroom teacher of a student who has a SEA funded computer
 • The classroom teacher and the SEA assistive technology trainer will work together for half the day focusing on the student’s specific needs. For the remaining half of the day, the student will join the training session working through an assignment with the teacher and the trainer
 • Each training session will be different dependent upon the needs of the classroom teacher and the needs of the student
- E. Preparation for Secondary Transitions Lisa Thompson Power
 • Meetings will be held in the new year with the secondary staff, parents, elementary school teams and Sara Vadovic to plan for a smooth transition of students with high needs to secondary school
 • Elementary school teams, the students and the parent(s) will complete transition packages to be shared with receiving secondary schools

- Secondary schools will prepare a schedule to be shared with elementary school teams, students and parents whereby each student with an IEP will participate in a transition meeting at the secondary school in the Spring where planning will occur

7. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

N/A

8. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

N/A

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

January 13, 2020	February 10, 2020
March 23, 2020	April 20, 2020
May 11, 2020	June 8, 2020

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- FASD presentation

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Seve Stokley and seconded by Wendy Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

CARRIED