



# CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO



## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Board Office, Kemptville

6:55 p.m.

### **Present:**

#### **SEAC Members:**

Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee  
Dave Conners (Vice Chair), Autism Ontario  
Deena Shorkey, Children's Mental Health Ontario  
Fran Brauneisen, Association for Community Living  
Rob More, Rural FASD Support Network  
Shelley More, Rural FASD Support Network (Alternate)

#### **Board Resource Staff:**

Heather Gerber, Principal of Special Education  
Heather Bovey, Coordinator of Special Education  
Norma McDonald, Superintendent of School Effectiveness

#### **Approved Regrets with notification:**

Donaleen Hawes, Superintendent of School Effectiveness  
Karen McAllister, Trustee  
Karen Moore, Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth  
Lorraine Boyer, Member-at-Large

#### **Guests:**

Armando Lopes, Principal, St. John Bosco  
Lisa Smith, Vice Principal, St. John Bosco  
Tara Pelley, Teacher, St. John Bosco  
Christine Bryce, IAW, St. John Bosco  
Crystal Whitford, EA, St. John Bosco  
Sarah Macbeth, EA, St. John Bosco  
Julia Jesmer, Principal, Pope John Paul II  
Michael Fenn, Student Trustee  
Megan Jarzyna, Parent, St. John Bosco

#### **Regrets without notification:**

Amanda Banfield, Lanark County Support Services

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Sue Wilson (Chair) called the regular meeting to order following the presentation, as Fran Brauneisen had arrived. The official meeting started at 6:55 p.m.

### **I. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was amended under New Business.

Moved by: Rob More

CARRIED

## II. Approval of Minutes – March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **Motion:**

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Dave Conners

CARRIED

## III. Association Updates

### **Autism Ontario – Dave Conners**

No update at this time.

### **Association for Community Living – Fran Brauneisen**

May is Community Living month with the following events planned;

- North Grenville Pancake Breakfast – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
- Movie Night – later in the month

The Ministry will be investigating properties on Wednesday, in North Grenville.

### **Rural FASD Support Network – Rob More**

Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

- May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Rural FASD Support Meeting with Service Dog Trainer

New Initiatives:

- Howard and Kelford hired to start on-profit designation process and advising on by-law development and membership eligibility.
- CDSBEO Steering Committee met with Rural FASD Support Network to develop presentation on how students with FASD are being supported in CDSBEO for MPP Roberts presentation.
- Provincial FASD website launched at [www.fasdon.ca](http://www.fasdon.ca) and MCCSS website reflects this development.
- New education brochures and identification cards purchased and available upon request.
- Coordinated Services meeting with Rural FASD reps to present services on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Other Information:

- Rural FASD Support Network interviewed on Lake 88 last week updating listeners to new developments and further education.
- Two education workshops planned for this coming year in Kemptville and Lanark.
- OPP Constable Dave Bird and OPP Mental Health Nurse shared how policing has changed in this area for those with FASD and mental health challenges and exchanged information on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Mental Health Ontario – Deena Shorkey**

The agency continues to see a surge of referrals and fewer options for children. The waitlist has grown to 200 children. Group sessions are being created to address the various needs of youth in the community.

**IV. Report to the Ministry of Education on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services – June 2019**

Packages were shared which included the following sections:

- Section IX – Staff Development
- Section XI – Accessibility of School Buildings

**V. New Business**

Rob More proposed that SEAC draft a letter to the Ministry of Health to support funding and services to Section 23.

**Motion:**

To recommend a letter is written by Special Education, on behalf of SEAC, to the Ministry of Health.

Moved by: Rob More

CARRIED

**VI. Old Business**

- Letter from the Durham District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee addressed to the Minister of Education re Special Education/SIP Funding

**VII. Correspondence Received**

- Letter from Durham Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee addressed to the Minister of Education re class size and e-learning courses
- Letter from Bluewater District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee addressed to the Minister of Education re support of Bill 44
- Memorandum from the Deputy Minister of Education to School Boards re Service Animals in Schools: Public Consultation

**VIII. Motion to Excuse Regrets Received**

**Motion:**

Motion to excuse Karen McAllister, Trustee, Karen Moore, Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth, Lorraine Boyer, Member-at-Large and Donaleen Hawes, Superintendent of School Effectiveness.

Moved by: Fran Brauneisen

CARRIED

**IX. Next SEAC Meeting**

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at St. Michael CHS (library), Kemptville, starting at 6:00 p.m.

**X. Good News Sharing**

Members and guests shared items of good news from across our eight counties.

**XI. Closing Prayer**

Heather Gerber led the group in the Board prayer.

**XII. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

Moved by: Dave Connors

CARRIED

**CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking**

	Trustee / Chair	Trustee	Assoc. for Community Living	Autism Ontario	LLG FASD Support Network	Lanark County Support Services	Member at Large – LB	CMH Ontario	Open Doors	<b>Total</b>
January	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	<b>8</b>
February	P	P	P	P	P				P	<b>6</b>
March	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	<b>9</b>
April	P		P	P	P			P		<b>5</b>
May										
June										

*New 4-year term of office effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.  
 (5 members are required to be in attendance in order to reach Quorum)*