



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 18th, 2018

Board Office, Kemptville

6:00 p.m.

Present:

SEAC Members:

Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee
Dave Connors (Vice Chair), Autism Ontario
Fran Brauneisen, Association for Community Living
Heather Brown, Best Buddies
Amanda Banfield, Lanark County Support Services
Diane Bartlett, Easter Seals Ontario
Lorraine Boyer, Member-at-Large
Lorraine Fenn, Member-at-Large
Rob More, LLG FASD Working Group
Shelley More, LLG FASD Working Group (Alternate)
Filipa Saraiva, Easter Seals Ontario (Alternate)

Board Resource Staff:

Donaleen Hawes, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Heather Gerber, Principal of Special Education
Heather Bovey, Coordinator of Special Education

Approved Regrets with notification:

Karen McAllister, Trustee

Guests:

Rhonda Peterson, CUPE

Meeting Called to Order

Sue Wilson (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and welcomed all members and guests.

Opening Prayer

Heather Gerber led the group in a prayer entitled, "*Prayer for Spring*".

I. Approval of Agenda

Amended Agenda: Item #5 – the speaker on Self-Determination was unable to present on this date. This presentation has been moved to the SEAC meeting in August, 2018.

Moved by: Lorraine Fenn

CARRIED

II. **Approval of Minutes** – March 28th, 2018

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on April 6th, 2018.

Motion:

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Rob More

CARRIED

III. **Association Updates**

Association for Community Living – Fran Brauneisen

May is community living month, contact your local agency for more information.

Local events include:

- May 2nd, 2018 – Pancake Breakfast – \$5 for all you can eat;
- May 4th, 2018 – Province Wide “*Shine a Light Day*” – residents are encourage to shine spotlights on their house or change lightbulbs to green or blue;
- May 11th, 2018 – “*People First*” spaghetti dinner
- May 16th, 2018 – Community Living Wear Day – people are encouraged to wear clothes with inspiring possibility logos;
- May 17th, 2018 – Movie Night at the Urbandale theatre.

The Association for Community Living has granted Fran another year as their representative on SEAC.

Best Buddies – Heather Brown

St. John CHS students led a Basketball event (Hooping it Up) in April. It was very successful. They raised \$246.00 and were covered in the Ottawa Valley paper. This money will help send three students to a leadership event this fall.

St. Thomas Aquinas CHS students celebrated Easter and Best Buddies with a pizza egg hunt and egg designs. There are now 20 students in the program. St. James the Greater also has 20 students in their program.

Autism Ontario – Dave Conners

In their work planning session, the focus was on continuing to offer social learning opportunities. Autism Ontario is looking for more members and promoting awareness.

The Annual General meeting is on May 8th, 2018.

Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield

New Initiatives:

There is funding available for the creation of Family Support Networks. The deadline for applications was April 16th, 2018.

There has been much discussion about some of the changes to the passport funding as Bill C148 has triggered some additional steps for families and agencies. For example, registering every worker, paying workers for stats to name a few.

There is a new Minister of Community of Social Services, Michael Coteau. As well, there are some interesting and exciting plans for the Developmental Services Sector; an increase to passport funding, an earlier availability to passport funding, an increase of residential opportunities to name a few. These proposed changes would be part of a three year plan as explained in the 2018 provincial budget.

Other Information:

The supervisor overseeing the Transitional Support Services is now Leigh Ann Giardino. I will be continuing on as SEAC representative for the agency.

Easter Seals – Ontario – Diane Bartlett

No update at this time.

Lanark Leeds Grenville FASD Working Group – Rob More

Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

Kingston PAG – May 5th, 2018

New Initiatives:

- Province has budgeted money for FASD diagnostic services.
- LLG FASD Key Worker has been hired. Training being provided by Citizen Advocacy. More information at April 20th meeting.
- Key Worker for remaining portion of school board is currently being interviewed by Citizen Advocacy.

Other Information:

Bill 191 has been resurrected as Bill 44. Still hope of passing before the writ drop. Lots of closed door stuff happening.

FASD Awareness Day was a huge success. First time in history, the province FASD reps from all five regions and all directly impacted sectors physically came together in one place. We met with over 35 MPP's. MPP Kiwala's statement was we are the best organized advocacy group she has ever worked with. Kids had MPP Taylor just roaring with laughter and were fabulous the entire time. They got to watch Bill 44 pass first reading.

September initiatives are still being discussed at the MCYS policy level.

The Rural FASD Support Network has launched with a pamphlet, website and closed Facebook group. It is the caregiver portion of the LLG FASD Work Group and modeled after the Halton model.

IV. Department Update

The April 27th Professional Activity Day agenda was sent to SEAC, CSC and PIC members and they were invited and are welcome to attend. The Special Education Team has been working on the sessions to prepare for the day. We will be showcasing strategies that are “*Essential For Some But Good For All*”. The new Mathematical Learning for All magazine will be shared with all participants.

Dr. Hawes shared some funding information. The Ministry of Education will be providing additional funds for mental health and addictions. Staffing will be increased to include two health regulated professionals. The focus will be on high school students.

Additional staff will be hired to address the waitlist for assessments. In addition, the Special Incident Portion has increased to \$38,000 for the maximum amount.

Dr. Hawes shared the Program and Service Model from the annual report with SEAC.

Correspondence was shared regarding the New Brunswick review strategy.

V. Presentation: SELF-DETERMINATION – presented by Kristinal Crook and Heather Ungar – Community Living North Grenville

Tabled until the SEAC meeting in August, 2018.

VI. Report to the Ministry of Education on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services – June, 2018

- Section IX – Staff Development – Dr. Hawes reviewed the in-services that were provided this year. These included the Enhanced SERT role, the interactive AT sessions and the Renewed Math Strategy.
- Section XI – Dr. Hawes shared the Accessibility of School Building projects that were completed and those in progress.
- Section XII – Transportation amounts for this year were also shared.

VII. Motion to Excuse Regrets Received

Motion:

Motion to excuse Karen McAllister, Trustee.

Moved by: Lorraine Boyer

CARRIED

VIII. Next SEAC Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018 at the Board Office, in Kemptville, starting at 6:00 p.m.

IX. Good News Sharing

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

X. Closing Prayer

Sue Wilson led the group in the Board prayer.

XI. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Moved by: Heather Brown

CARRIED

CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking

	Trustee / Chair	Trustee	VOICE *military deployment/on leave	Assoc. for Community Living	Autism Ontario	Best Buddies	FASD	ABC *temporary leave of absence	Easter Seals – Ontario	Lanark County Support Services	Member at Large - LB	Member at Large - LF	Total
August	P	P		P		P	P		P	P	P		8
September	P	P		P	P		P		P	P	P		8
October	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	10
November	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P		P	9
January													
Feb – Meeting #1	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P			8
Feb – Meeting #2	P	P		P		P	P		P	P			7
March	P	P		P		P	P		P		P		7
April	P			P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	9
May													
June													

(6 members are required to be in attendance in order to reach Quorum)