



# CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO



## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Board Office, Kemptville

6:00 p.m.

### **Present:**

#### **SEAC Members:**

Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee  
Dave Conners (Vice Chair), Autism Ontario  
Karen McAllister, Trustee  
Fran Brauneisen, Association for Community  
Living  
Amanda Banfield, Lanark County Support  
Services  
Lorraine Boyer, Member-at-Large  
Deena Shorkey, Cornwall Community  
Hospital  
Rob More, Rural FASD Support Network  
Shelley More, Rural FASD Support Network  
(Alternate)

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

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

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

Karen Moore, Open Doors for Lanark  
Children and Youth  
Heather Gerber, Principal of Special  
Education

#### **Guests:**

Rhonda Peterson, CUPE  
Michael Fenn, Student Trustee

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Sue Wilson (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests.

### **Opening Prayer**

Heather Bovey led the group in a prayer entitled, "*A Prayer for Summer*".

## **I. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Dave Conners

CARRIED

## **II. Approval of Minutes – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

### **Motion:**

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Rob More

CARRIED

## **III. Association Updates**

### **Autism Ontario – Dave Conners**

The AGM was held last week, and Autism Ontario is working on attracting more members. They have identified with the Cornwall group to work together on initiatives. A strategies meeting will be held at the end of June to plan for the year.

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

The comedy night was a great success and finished the year financially in good health. There are some concerns for the future but business as usual until they hear more from the ministry. The special income housing is on target and they will be turning ground this spring.

### **Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield**

There will be summer opportunities/activities and transition support in Perth and Smith Falls. The café is going strong.

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

#### Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

- June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Rural FASD Support Group

#### New Initiatives:

- By-laws and constitution completed for non-profit designation and registration has begun.
- June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Meeting with Minister Fullerton to talk about MCTU incentives for employers.
- June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Michael Jiggins, Executive Assistant for Minister Clark, joining us for our first anniversary and bringing greetings from Premier Ford.

#### Other Information:

- A member of our group living in community living lost out on his graduation last year from Algonquin due to the strike. The Support Network successfully advocated for him to be added to their Spring Convocation 2019.

- August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Beckwith Ball Tournament – Barker Funeral Home is hosting a charity ball tournament for us at Beckwith Park. Join us to watch the games, have a hotdog and receive some information about us. Oh, and be sure to Boo the ump!
- Cam Connections, a Christian camp specializing in supporting campers with special needs, has invited us to do a half-day workshop with their counselors in July.

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

No update at this time.

**Lorraine Boyer, Member- at- Large**

St. Jude Catholic School sold 900 hotdogs to raise money for the school community.

**IV. Department Update**

The Exceptional Art Workshops took place in Smiths Falls on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and in Cornwall on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Students created art that will be digitized and shared with schools and families. Lori Chartrand, Teacher at St. Mary CHS and Corry Goddard, Educational Assistant at St. Mary CHS prepared and facilitated the days.

The PA Day for Educational Assistants, elementary Student Support Workers and Itinerant ABLE Workers was held on May 31<sup>st</sup> and was a huge success. Participants were able to choose from several workshops that included; FASD, Christian Meditation, Health and Wellness, Behaviour Management Systems Training (BMS), Communication Strategies, Assistive Technology and a Make and Take session where they were able to create visuals to support the students they work with.

Secondary and elementary Student Support Workers and Student Success Teachers took part in Core Addiction Practice (CAP) training. This was a two-day training on addiction practices held on May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

The Guide for Working Together to Respond to Children and Youth Struggling with Substance Use, Addictions and Mental Health Concerns that was developed with community partners, has been finalized and will be shared this week.

The specialized jobs have been posted for Educational Assistants. Next week will be the placement meeting. Approximately fifty percent of the Educational Assistants will remain in their current school and the other half will attend the placement meeting.

**V. Report to the Ministry of Education on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services – June 2019 including Budget and Staffing Recommendations**

The completed draft version of the Annual Report was shared with SEAC members and will be shared with Trustees tomorrow. Any recommendations will be voted on at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Recommendations and revisions have been added from last meeting.

**Motion:**

“That the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario approve the Annual Report on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services, 2019-2020 and the accompanying staffing and budget recommendations included, as presented.”

Moved by: Rob More

CARRIED

**VI. New Business**

• **SEAC Goals and Priorities – 2019-2020 School Year**

The following goals will be added to Goals and Priorities for the 2019-2020 year:

- Identify additional ways to help to bring the awareness of SEAC role to staff and parents’ attention with more of a public voice.
- Promote SEAC reps role on Catholic School Council (CSC).
- Encourage teaching and non-teaching staff on Catholic School Councils to share the training opportunities that were provided.
- SEAC members to reach out to different associations to encourage them to join SEAC or attend a meeting(s).

• **SEAC Meeting Dates – 2019-2020 School Year**

- Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Wednesday, March 25, 2020
- Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**VII. Correspondence Received**

- Letter from the District School Board Ontario North East to the Minister of Education re Provincial Funding Model for Autism Services. This letter is in response to Autism funding and their concerns.

**VIII. Motion to Excuse Regrets Received**

**Motion:**

Motion to excuse Karen Moore, Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth and Heather Gerber, Principal of Special Education.

Moved by: Lorraine Boyer

CARRIED

**IX. Next SEAC Meeting**

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Board Office, 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**

Sue Wilson led the group in the Board prayer.

**XII. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

Moved by: Lorraine Boyer

CARRIED

**CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking**

	Trustee / Chair	Trustee	Assoc. for Community Living	Autism Ontario	Rural FASD Support Network	Lanark County Support Services	Member at Large – LB	Cornwall Community Hospital	Open Doors	Total
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	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	<b>8</b>
June	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		<b>8</b>

*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)*