



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 4th, 2018

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
Heather Brown, Best Buddies
Diane Bartlett, Easter Seals Ontario
Lorraine Boyer, Member-at-Large
Rob More, LLG FASD Working Group
Shelley More, LLG FASD Working Group (Alternate)

Board Resource Staff:

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

Approved Regrets without notification:

Christina Nichols, Association for Bright Children of Ontario
James Borer, VOICE

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, "*A Summer Blessing*".

I. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Rob More

CARRIED

II. Approval of Minutes – May 23rd, 2018

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on June 4th, 2018.

Motion:

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Amanda Banfield

CARRIED

III. Association Updates

Association for Community Living – Fran Brauneisen

Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

65th Community Living Ontario Conference and AGM – September 12-14, 2018 – Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites, Richmond Hill. **Theme:** – “*The Barn Raising*”: Coming Together to Achieve Community Goals (a symbol of connectedness and collaboration).

Best Buddies – Heather Brown

The second largest fundraiser with Woodbine Racetrack was held. Best Buddies now has a new website available. Schools are wrapping up their programs this year and are busy making plans for next year.

Autism Ontario – Dave Conners

No update at this time.

Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield

No update at this time.

Easter Seals – Ontario – Diane Bartlett

No update at this time.

Lanark Leeds Grenville FASD Working Group – Rob More

Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

Kingston PAG – Saturday, June 9th, 2018

Rural FASD Steering Committee Meeting – July, 2018

New Initiatives:

Calvary Bible Church, 8 Beech Street, Smiths Falls has contracted with the Rural FASD Support Network to host monthly meetings on the third Saturday of each month starting September 15th, 2018.

Plans for September 9th activities are being developed.

Other Information:

Inclusion criteria for FASD website has been formally approved.

CDSBEO IPRC determination page used to change Bluewater District School Board and Hasting Prince Edward District School Board IPRC policy in Owen Sound and Belleville.

IV. Department Update

The Exceptional Art Workshops are scheduled for June 5th, 2018 in Smiths Falls, and June 6th, in Cornwall. We are looking forward to seeing the beautiful pieces that are created by our students.

The Adaptive Sports Day will take place on June 11th, 2018 at St. Michael CHS, Kemptville. Students will have the opportunity to participate in boccia ball, wheelchair basketball, sledge hockey, curling and goalball.

On June 1st, 2018 Educational Assistants, Student Support Workers and Itinerant ABLE Workers gathered at St. Michael CHS, Kemptville for a professional development day. They met in the gym for a liturgy and then broke off into smaller sessions to facilitate group sharing and collaboration. The Educational Assistants learned more about assistive technology, proactive strategies and reinforcement. They had the opportunity to share successful ideas they used to help students achieve success and shared these ideas through the PIC collage app. The Student Support Workers and Itinerant ABLE Workers discussed anxiety and the development of PTRs. Participants examined student profiles and case studies to share successes and to problem solve difficult situations. Overall, the day was very successful.

V. Report to the Ministry of Education on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services – June, 2018: Special Education Funding and Staffing Allocations

Given that Lorraine Fenn retired May 23rd, 2018, this will be added to Section XV – Special Education Advisory Committee.

Motion:

“That the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario approve the Annual Report on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services, 2018-2019 and the accompanying staffing and budget recommendations included, as presented.”

Moved by: Diane Bartlett

CARRIED

VI. New Business

- **Topics for Presentations – 2018-2019 School Year**
 - SELF-DETERMINATION presentation (August)

- Presentation on Math magazine (October)
 - ABA Strategies in the Classroom for a Range of Students (November)
 - Social Skills Programs (panel format)
 - Explore strengthening the link between SEAC and Catholic School Councils by having a panel of principals and school council chairs to present the function of school councils (January)
 - Panel discussion on anxiety and depression live-streamed so parents can ask questions and be provided with answers in a timely manner (earlier in the year)
 - Multi-disciplinary Approach to Assessment
 - Self-contained Classrooms and Section Classes – When and Why?
- **SEAC Meeting Dates – 2018-2019**
 - Wednesday, August 29th, 2018
 - Wednesday, September 26th, 2018
 - Wednesday, October 24th, 2018
 - Wednesday, November 28th, 2018
 - Wednesday, January 30th, 2019
 - Wednesday, February 27th, 2019
 - Wednesday, March 27th, 2019
 - Wednesday, April 24th, 2019
 - Wednesday, May 29th, 2019
 - Monday, June 3rd, 2019

October meeting changed to October 24th, 2018 as Halloween falls on last Wednesday of the month.

VII. Motion to Excuse Regrets Received

No regrets received.

VIII. Next SEAC Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 29th, 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

Dr. Hawes led the group in a prayer provided by Diane Bartlett, “*Blessed Are You*”.

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 *resigned May, 2018	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	P	P		P	P		P			P	P		7
June	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P	P		9

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