

LAMBTON-KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
~ Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. ~

Present:	Rose Gallaway - St. Clair Child and Youth Services (Chair) Jennifer Gillespie – Member “at large” Jack Fletcher – LKDSB Trustee Norma Hills (<i>on behalf of Chris King</i>) – Community Living Sarnia-Lambton Jerry Knight – Lambton County Developmental Services Rhonda Leystra, Lambton-Kent Secondary Administrators’ Association Eva Lizotte – Community Living Wallaceburg Julia MacKellar – Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent Susan Mitchell – Member “at large” Rupali Sharma – Epilepsy Support Centre Janet Vanderwerf – VIEWS for Children Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision	
Regrets:	Christy Bressette – First Nation Representative Gordon Crompton – Community Living Chatham-Kent Elizabeth Hudie – LKDSB Trustee (Vice-Chair) Jean MacIntyre – Member “at large” George Melendy – Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County	
Resource Staff:	Dave Doey, Superintendent of Education Pam Graham, System Coordinator of Special Education Bruce Davidson, Special Education Coordinator - Secondary Shelley Martsch-Litt, Special Education Coordinator Lori Gall, Recording Secretary	
Agenda Item	Details/Discussion	Action
Call to Order and Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Norma Moved, Eva Seconded “<i>That the Agenda be approved</i>”; all in favour. 	
Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Moved, Julia Seconded “<i>That the Minutes of October 15, 2015 be approved</i>”; all in favour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lori
Special Education Exceptional Pupil Suspension Info.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the September meeting a member asked if a disproportionate number of special education students are suspended versus other students. In reporting back, Dave shared slides citing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the number of elementary and secondary students suspended in 2012–2013, 2013–2014, and 2014–2015 the most common suspensions issued: morale tone, code of conduct, verbal abuse, and wellbeing. The number of suspensions is trending downwards. Generally, students receiving a suspension aren’t suspended a second time; this is consistent with Provincial data. The suspension rate for students with exceptionalities is significantly lower than the rate for all students. 	
2015-2016 Priority-Setting Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Special Education Team reviewed information gathered during the Priority-Setting Exercise that took place at the October Meeting and used it to develop a list of presentations to be made at SEAC. The list is attached. With regard to ASD and Sexuality, Rose offered to make a presentation regarding their programming since their organization is often involved in discussions of this nature at the school level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose

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2015-2016 Priority-Setting Outcomes (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack wonders if a joint meeting with PIC might be good to consider when looking at having the carousel regarding differentiated supports?; this idea will look be explored. • Jennifer suggested that the presentation related to the learning disabilities program be made earlier, noting that if SEAC has any concerns, it's too late for them to be addressed; Pam will see if it's possible to move the presentation up • Jennifer would like it if classroom teachers could be involved in the carousel that will be developed; staff will look at having the presentation at a school, and will see if they can incorporate some classroom teachers. • Dave said students at CKSS are doing good work to support/mentor ALLP students at their school; he asked them to develop a presentation for SEAC and they agreed; that will be added to the slate of presentations being planned. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave/Pam • Pam • Pam • Dave/Pam
2014-2015 Secondary EQAO Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave shared an overview of the results with the membership and outlined the methods for supporting students who were not initially successful. • Full details, including school-specific results, can be found on the Board's website. 	
October 31, 2015 Exceptional Pupil Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not all of the data has been uploaded to OnSIS, so the numbers are not final. The information will be brought back to the December meeting of SEAC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori/Pam
Special Education TELP Collaborative Inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that Liz Zantingh will be at the December Meeting, so the information will be shared then. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori/Liz
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence was received from the Durham Catholic District School Board re: Regulation 274/12; because SEAC already forwarded a letter to the Ministry on the matter, no further action was taken. • Dave informed the membership that Regulation 274 was a topic during the recent collective bargaining process. 	
Associated Reports, Other Business and Sharing of Best Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eva announced that Deborah Hook, most recently the Program Manager of the Integrated Withdrawal Management Program at Bluewater Health, was hired as the new Executive Director for Community Living, Wallaceburg. • Bruce noted that, annually, the Jumpstart Transition Committee offers a presentation for parents with a child transitioning from elementary to secondary school; past meetings weren't as well attended as they would have liked, so they changed the format. He said that, this year, they offered a dinner and had a carousel of agencies available at AMSS; there were 70 families that came out, and the information being well received. There will be an event scheduled to take place at CKSS in the Spring. 	

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Associated Reports, Other Business and Sharing of Best Practices (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce reported that the Grade 8 to 9 IPRC Process is beginning; the turnout at the Parent Meetings which were held in both the North and South were fairly well attended. Parents were advised that <i>all</i> schools (including those that are vocational) are able to provide a quality education. • Shelley said that on November 25th there will be a Preschool Parent Meeting at Chatham Kent Children’s Services; there is also be a session offered at Pathways in Sarnia on January 19th • Dave thanked everyone for making the time to participate in SEAC, noting that he hopes they find value for the time invested • Rose said that the Dual Diagnosis Program has been revamped; they now offer a Dual Diagnosis Consultation Service that allows people to call for a referral and have a meeting within a few weeks’ time; after that meeting, there is an opportunity for follow up 	
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The October 31st Exceptional Pupil information, and details of the Special Education TELP Collaborative Inquiry will be added to the December Agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, December 10, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. via Video-Conference from the Sarnia Education Centre and the Chatham Regional Education Centre 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. 	