

LAMBTON-KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

~ Thursday, November 15, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.~

Present:	Rose Gallaway - St. Clair Child and Youth Services (Chair) Sherry Nelson, Autism Ontario - Chatham-Kent and Sarnia Lambton Chapters Steve Stokley – Community Living, Chatham-Kent Chris King – Community Living, Sarnia-Lambton Sandra Pidduck, Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario Dawn Cartier – Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent	
Regrets:	Jean McIntyre – Member “at large” Jack Fletcher – Trustee (Vice-Chair) Janet Vanderwerf – VIEWS for Children Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision	
Resource Staff:	Angie Barrese, Superintendent of Education Sandra Perkins, System Coordinator of Special Education Chris Moore, System Coordinator – Multidisciplinary Team Lisa Valade, Special Education Coordinator Sheila Richardson, Special Education Coordinator Jayson Campeau, Lambton-Kent Secondary Administrators’ Association Lori Gall, Recording Secretary	
Guests:	Lis Hoskins, LKDSB Attendance Officer	
Agenda Item	Details/Discussion	Action Items
Tours of LKDSB ALLP Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The members of SEAC met at Tecumseh Public School at 6:00 p.m. for a tour of the Alternative Living and Lifeskills Program (ALLP) classroom; the group then toured Indian Creek Road Public School’s ALLP classroom; and, finally John McGregor Secondary School’s ALLP classroom The members then convened for the business portion of their meeting in the Library at John McGregor Secondary School 	
Call to Order and Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose Gallaway called the meeting to order Those involved with setting up the tours were thanked; it was noted that it’s nice for the members to be able to get to see the classrooms Dawn Cartier moved, Chris King seconded “<i>That the Agenda be approved</i>”; All in favour 	
Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose recited the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgment 	
Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2018 and October 18, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose noted that due to a lack of quorum last month both the September Minutes and the October Minutes would need to be discussed/approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandra Pidduck Moved, Sherry Nelson Seconded “<i>That the Minutes of September 20, 2018 and October 18, 2018 be approved</i>”; All in favour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lori
Business Arising from Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose noted that, due to a lack of quorum at the October 18th meeting, there were items of business arising from the October Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose recapped details of the correspondence submitted by the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board regarding funding concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After some conversation, Chris King proposed that further discussion be deferred until both Trustees who are appointed to SEAC are present at the meeting; Lori will be put the letter back on January’s Agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lori
Business Arising from Minutes (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose noted that, in relation to Section 8 of the Regulation for the Special Education Advisory Committee, Jean McIntyre has indicated that she would miss three consecutive meetings (September, October and November) but would like to remain on SEAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris King Moved, Steve Stokley Seconded that “<i>Jean MacIntyre be granted authorization to remain on SEAC despite having to miss three consecutive meetings</i>”; All in favour 	

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Correspondence	<p><u>Letter from Upper Grand District School Board re: Bill 44</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris asked about the reality of supporting students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the LKDSB • Angie Barrese said FASD is more prevalent than it has been, and advised members that the Education Act does not consider FASD to be an exceptionality • Angie informed SEAC that both Pathways in Sarnia-Lambton and the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent now have a FASD Coordinator; the two Coordinators are currently conducting an environmental scan • SEAC would like to receive a presentation once they've compiled the results • Lisa Valade said that, most of the time, FASD must be speculated; Angie added that the medical field is not willing to provide reports when it's speculative, so it's difficult to receive a diagnosis • School Boards are having to be creative in coming up with ways to support each student suspected of having FASD within the rigid parameters that exist; Chris Moore said it's problematic because significant time and resources are required to support each student, and it would be better if students suspected of having FASD could be diagnosed/identified so supports could be provided more readily • It was decided to not act on the letter until the Committee has more information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spec. Ed. Team
Association Reports, Other Business and Sharing of Best Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Stokely said Community Living Chatham-Kent will be hosting an Information Session the Registered Disability Savings Plan, and the Henson Trust; the information on these events will be shared with the membership • Chris King said Community Living Sarnia-Lambton recently had its AGM; he also noted that their Board has some new members and that CLSL recently purchased a new Group Home • Sherry Nelson said they're going to be having a flag raising at schools to help increase awareness surrounding students with autism • Dawn Cartier said their tutoring and social skills programs are ongoing; they've had some staff turnover so she's training the new employee(s) • Angie Barrese said Progress Reports for secondary students go out this week and elementary students' reports go out next week • Sheila Richardson said that Pre-School Intake is getting under way in the south next week and there will be a session in the north in January • Lisa Valade said that she and her colleagues attended a conference last week where they learned a lot more about the effects of trauma • Sandra Pidduck said she's done several presentations at schools and is willing to speak to any agencies, schools, etc. to help raise awareness regarding epilepsy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at W.D.S.S., Room 141 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. 	