**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**
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**Tours of LKDSB ALLP Classrooms**  
- 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**  
- 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 “That the Agenda be approved”; All in favour

**Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement**  
- Rose recited the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgment

**Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2018 and October 18, 2018**  
- 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  
  - Sandra Pidduck Moved, Sherry Nelson Seconded “That the Minutes of September 20, 2018 and October 18, 2018 be approved”; All in favour

**Business Arising from Minutes**  
- Rose noted that, due to a lack of quorum at the October 18th meeting, there were items of business arising from the October Minutes  
  - Rose recapped details of the correspondence submitted by the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board regarding funding concerns  
    - 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

**Business Arising from Minutes (continued)**  
- 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  
  - Chris King Moved, Steve Stokley Seconded that “Jean McIntyre be granted authorization to remain on SEAC despite having to miss three consecutive meetings”; All in favour
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| **Correspondence** | **Letter from Upper Grand District School Board re: Bill 44**  
- 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 | Spec. Ed. Team |
| **Association Reports, Other Business and Sharing of Best Practices** | **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 | Lori |
| **Next Meeting** | **December 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at W.D.S.S., Room 141** | All |
| **Adjournment** | **The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.** | |