

LAMBTON-KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

~ Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Wallaceburg District Secondary School & TEAMS~

Present:	<p>Chris King, Community Living, Sarnia Lambton Lisa Veenendaal, Community Integration through Cooperative Education – Lambton College Julia MacKellar, Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent Gillian Hueniken, Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent Sarah Simmons, LINCK Child, Youth & Family Services Malinda Little, Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee Melanie Coll, Pathways Health Centre for Children Kelley Robertson, Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee Michelle Holbrook, Rebound: A Program for Youth Jennifer Salaris, Lambton County Development Services Steve Stokley, Community Living, Chatham-Kent Vicki Ware, Four First Nation Education Authority Representative Clay Scott, Community Living, Wallaceburg Jennifer Howell, Autism Ontario – West Region Melani Rich, Autism Ontario – West Region Trevor Aldous, Member-at-Large</p>	
Regrets:	<p>Lori Marvin, St. Clair Child & Youth Services Nick Nienhuis, Principal, L-K Elementary Administrators’ Rep. Marty Passmore, Vice-Principal, L-K Secondary Administrators’ Rep. Dawn Hyatt, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Elementary Cori Savo, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Elementary Emily Colvin, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Secondary Heather Touzin, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator - Secondary</p>	
Resource Staff:	<p>Angie Barrese, Superintendent of Education Carrielyn Smith, System Coordinator LKDSB Jeff Brosh, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Elementary Emma Blundy, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Elementary Tara Mitchell, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Elementary Ryan Spencer, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator - Elementary Mary-Ann Tuer, Recording Secretary</p>	
Guests:	<p>Josalyn Lyons, LKDSB Applied Behaviour Analysis Mariah Walker, LKDSB Applied Behaviour Analysis Angela Richards, Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee</p>	
Agenda Item	Details/Discussion	Action Items
Call to Order, Territorial Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris King called the meeting to order Malinda Little recited the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgment 	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clay Scott Moved, Lisa Veenendaal Seconded <i>“That the Agenda be approved”</i>; All in favour 	
Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melanie Coll Moved, Gillian Hueniken Seconded <i>“That the Minutes of February 15, 2024, be approved”</i>; All in favour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary-Ann Tuer
Business Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no business arising from the Minutes of the February 15, 2024, meeting. 	
Presentation - Philosophies of EA Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> System Coordinator, introduced Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator Jeff Brosh. Jeff presented on The philosophy of Educational Assistants (EAs) within the LKDSB During the information sharing, focus was on who may receive support from additional caring adults, including EAs; the parameters surrounding why EAs may be reallocated throughout the school year; and the guidelines for an EA’s 7-hour workday. Jeff explained the role EAs and other caring adults may have in the tiered intervention supports currently being implemented within our LKDSB schools, including how these 	

	<p>supports are adjusted once student independence and classroom learning capacity grow and evolve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff said that the new model is asset-based, forward-thinking, and focuses on what our students can do instead of deficits and weaknesses. • Jeff also shared how EAs support students in various ways, such as riding the bus before and after school, working alongside teaching staff with extracurricular activities, supporting the breakfast program, assisting with homework clubs and athletics, and building positive relationships within the school. 	
Presentation – Philosophies of Universal Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Coordinator Carrielyn Smith introduced Applied Behaviour Analysis’s Mariah Walker and Josalyn Lyons. • Mariah and Josalyn spoke about the philosophies of universal supports for students, what they are and how they can be implemented into the classroom. • They explained the triangle of intervention, which includes understanding how to identify behaviours, highlight student strengths, and use this information to guide and support safety plans. • Mariah and Josalyn also said that the application of these supports has reduced behaviours and increased successes in the classrooms. 	
Special Education Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrielyn Smith informed the members that the Special Education Plan is reviewed annually and provides monthly amendments. • For March, no amendments were proposed. 	
Role of the Resource Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Barrese advised the group as part of the board’s strategic priorities and organizational plan, the Student Support Services/Well-Being department will undergo a comprehensive review of the Role of the Resource Teacher this year. • Superintendent Barrese highlighted that priorities and needs have changed since the role was last defined and updated in 2004. • Feedback from agencies and school board partners was encouraged. • A more in-depth update will be provided at the April 18, 2024 SEAC meeting. 	
Association Reports and Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clay Scott, Community Living, Wallaceburg, shared the CLW winter newsletter; Nominations for the Emer & Dale Dudley Distinguished Service Award are being accepted until March 27, 2024. The award ceremony will be taking place at the Glasstown Brewing Co; The Box Lunch Event on April 18 is currently seeking volunteer drivers; May is Community Living Month; The annual Golf Classic will be taking place at Maple City Country Club on June 28. • Melanie Coll—Pathways Health Centre for Children is hosting the following Caregiver workshops: March 19, 2024—Daytime Parent & Caregiver Connection Group; March 27, 2024—Four-Week Trauma-Informed Care for the Caregiver presented by Lauren Ven Ewyk; March 28, 2024—Learning About Your Child’s IPRC & EIP Process; April 23—Daytime Parent & Caregiver Connection Group. • Chris King, Community Living, Sarnia Lambton, shared that the work with Employment Ontario Integrated Services is going well; Options North has been a good connection to support job seekers with disabilities through the Windsor Regional Employment Network; on Feb 10th Evan from the ET Team along with other CLSL colleagues participated in the Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics Ontario, raising over \$38,000.00 for Special Olympic Athletes; AMSS Pasta Fest as was a big success raising \$6,700 for their outdoor Eco Therapy Learning Space. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. – Wallaceburg District Secondary School – Rm 269 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clay Scott moved, and Melanie Coll seconded, “That the meeting be adjourned”; All in favour; the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. 	