

LAMBTON-KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

~ Thursday, Feb 15, 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                  Lori Marvin, St. Clair Child &amp; Youth Services                  Julia MacKellar, Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent                  Gillian Hueniken, Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent                  Sarah Simmons, LINCK Child, Youth &amp; Family Services                  Malinda Little, Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee                  Angela Richards, 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                  Lori Richardson, Lambton County Development Services                  Steve Stokley, Community Living, Chatham-Kent                  Clay Scott, Community Living, Wallaceburg                  Jennifer Howell, Autism Ontario – West Region                  Vicki Ware, Four First Nation Education Authority Representative                  Trevor Aldous, Member-at-Large                  Mackenzie Horner, Principal, L-K Secondary Administrators’ Rep.                  Nick Nienhuis, Principal, L-K Elementary Administrators’ Rep.</p>	
Regrets:	<p>Dawn Hyatt, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Elementary                  Cori Savo, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Elementary                  Jeff Brosh, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Elementary                  Heather Touzin, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator - Secondary</p>	
Resource Staff:	<p>Angie Barrese, Superintendent of Education                  Carrielyn Smith, System Coordinator LKDSB                  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                  Emily Colvin, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Secondary                  Mary-Ann Tuer, Recording Secretary</p>	
Guests:	<p>Wedad Ateya, Adult Language and Learning, Settlement Worker                  Ceara Travis, Adult Language and Learning, Settlement Worker                  Nicole Beuckelare, LKDSB System Coordinator                  Ben Hazzard, LKDSB Superintendent of Education</p>	
Agenda Item	Details/Discussion	Action Items
Call to Order, Territorial Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris King called the meeting to order</li> <li>Malinda Little recited the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgment</li> </ul>	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kelley Robertson Moved, Clay Scott Seconded <i>“That the Agenda be approved”</i>; All in favour</li> </ul>	
Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lisa Veenendaal Moved, Malinda Little Seconded <i>“That the Minutes of January 18, 2024, be approved”</i>; All in favour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary-Ann Tuer</li> </ul>
Business Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no business arising from the Minutes of January 18, 2024, meeting.</li> </ul>	
Election of 2024 Chair and Vice-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair turned the meeting over to Superintendent Barrese so she could oversee the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of SEAC</li> <li>After Superintendent Barrese outlined the guidelines, etc., Malinda Little Moved; Julia MacKellar Seconded <i>“That Chris King be nominated as the Chair of SEAC for the remainder of 2024”</i>; Chris King accepted the nomination</li> <li>Superintendent Barrese called for any further nominations for the position of the Chair of SEAC, but there were none</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelly Robertson Moved; <i>“That Malinda Little be nominated as the Vice-Chair of SEAC for the remainder of 2024”</i>; Trustee Little accepted the nomination</li> <li>• A vote was held in respect of the nominations on the floor; All in favour</li> <li>• Chris King and Malinda Little were applauded for their willingness to serve as the Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively</li> <li>• With the election completed, the meeting was turned back to the Chair, Chris King</li> </ul>	
Presentation - Math Action Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superintendent Barrese introduced LKDSB's system Coordinator, Nicole Beuckelare.</li> <li>• Nicole presented on the LKDSB's mathematics achievement, focusing on Number Talks and data collection regarding the strategies students use to add, subtract, multiply, and divide.</li> <li>• Nicole highlighted that direct intervention support in the form of Number Talks, math games, and activities has increased student confidence and more efficient mathematical thinking.</li> <li>• Since the fall, 1160 elementary and secondary students have been directly impacted and supported by math facilitators who have seen significant growth in intervention in grades 3 and 6 since their initial assessments at the beginning of the 2023 -2024 school year.</li> <li>• Additional support for administrators and teachers continues to assist with the spread and growth of Number Talks directly in classrooms, with the goal of benefiting students in all grades at all elementary schools.</li> </ul>	
Presentation – Settlement Workers in Schools through Adult Language and Learning Chatham Kent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System Coordinator Carrielyn Smith introduced Adult Language and Learning Settlement Workers, Wedad Ateya and Ceara Travis and shared how they support newcomer families by providing them with access to resources and helping them settle into our communities.</li> <li>• Ceara spoke about how settlement workers in schools work to bridge the gap between newcomer families and the schools. She shared that newcomer families are anyone born outside of Canada and that program support is available regardless of status and time within the country. This program is new to Chatham Kent and reflects similar work offered through the YMCA in Lambton County.</li> <li>• The Settlement workers in schools complement the work of school staff and assist newcomers with school registration, translation services, learning English to gain independence, connecting with school staff, and informing families about school and community activities.</li> <li>• SWIS workers also host workshops to help families understand various school documentation and programs, such as how to read a report card, modifications to a student's program, school cash online, EQAO, my Blueprint, and Google Classroom.</li> <li>• Adult Language and Learning also assists individuals with finding a job, building a resume, or completing assessments for educational programs completed outside the country.</li> <li>• Ceara and Wedad emphasized the importance of newcomers having the opportunity to make friends and ensuring students and families have a sense of belonging in the community.</li> </ul>	
Special Education Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carrielyn Smith informed the members that the Special Education Plan is reviewed annually, and provided information about the amendments proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Section 2.3.2 (Intervention Strategies) has been amended to reflect the new name and teams within the department</li> <li>✓ Appendix 2.4.1 (Identification Placement and Review Committees) Administrative Procedure (Referral and Statement of Decision) was updated on October 23, 2023</li> <li>✓ Section 2.5 (Educational and Other Assessments) has been updated to reflect the new assessment materials being used</li> <li>✓ Appendix 2.5.1 (Consent for Psychological Services) has been revised to solidify information more concisely.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee reviewed a letter dated January 15, 2024, from Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington C.D.S.B. regarding Supporting Students with Special Education Needs; no action was taken in relation to that letter</li> <li>At the December 14 SEAC Meeting, the members asked that administration draft a letter regarding the Human Rights Equity Advisor; a letter to Minister Lecce, expressing concerns regarding the inequity of funding for all boards across the province, was presented</li> <li>Kelley Robertson Moved, Trevor Aldous Seconded, <i>“That the letter be forwarded to Minister Lecce”</i>; All in favour</li> </ul>	
MACS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superintendent Barrese reviewed the MACS feedback form and highlighted that this is something the Ministry shares twice a year. She let the committee know that groups are welcome to submit feedback but it is not a requirement.</li> </ul>	
Association Reports and Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clay Scott, Community Living, Wallaceburg, announced their new Executive Director Roger Romses; There is a current opening for the Senior HR position; Recreational Programs are now being offered on Friday nights in March at the Kingsman Club; A Valentine's Day Dance was hosted at the Legion and was very successful; The Box Lunch Event will return this April, looking for volunteer drivers; May is Community Living Month; The annual golf tournament will be taking place at Maple City Country Club this June.</li> <li>Melanie Coll - Pathways Health Centre for Children is hosting two fundraisers; Chili Lunch at Fairwinds Lodge February 22<sup>nd</sup> and a Pot Pie Fundraiser on February 28<sup>th</sup>; orders can be placed through their website in advance.</li> <li>Lori Richardson, Lambton County Development Services, will be hosting a Dueling Pianos fundraiser at Victoria Hall, Petrolia, on March 22 &amp; 23 @ 7:30. Tickets can be purchased through the Victoria Playhouse.</li> <li>Gillian Hueniken, Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent, will be hosting a masquerade-themed Gala for Kids on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Armories in Chatham, which includes a dinner and an auction; June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Run for the Kids 5 km walk or 200m run at Rondeau Provincial Park.</li> <li>Lisa Veenendaal, Community Integration through Cooperative Education—Lambton College, is hosting a CICE Day on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 2:00. Information session for guidance counsellors, students, agencies, and tours are available. April 6<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Open House. Secondary School Teachers are encouraged to come out and reconnect with staff.</li> <li>Jennifer Howell, Autism Ontario – West Region, announced Planning for Your Child's Future on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6 – 7:30 at Pathways</li> <li>Chris King, Community Living, Sarnia Lambton shared the #5tosurvive campaign to help advocate for a 5% increase to developmental services in Ontario; Alanna Boyer has been announced as the new Board President, Lorna Cooper is now the Past President and Chris is now sitting as an Advisor on the CLSL Board of Directors; AMSS is hosting their annual Pasta Fest on Feb 29<sup>th</sup> at the Lambton College Event Centre, raising funds for their Eco Therapy Learning Space.</li> </ul>	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul>
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. – Wallaceburg District Secondary School – Rm 269</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Melinda Little moved, and Clay Scott seconded, <i>“That the meeting be adjourned”</i>; All in favour; the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.</li> </ul>	