

LAMBTON-KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
~ Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. via Microsoft TEAMS~

Present:	Chris King, Community Living, Sarnia Lambton Lisa Veenendaal, Community Integration through Cooperative Education – Lambton College Lori Marvin, St. Clair Child & Youth Services 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 Angela Richards, Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee Melanie Coll, Pathways Health Centre for Children Michelle Holbrook, Rebound: A Program for Youth Melani Rich, Autism Ontario – West Region Steve Stokley, Community Living, Chatham-Kent Clay Scott, Community Living, Wallaceburg Vicki Ware, Four First Nation Education Authority Representative Trevor Aldous, Member-at-Large Marty Passmore, Principal, L-K Secondary Administrators’ Rep. Taryn Lessard, Principal, L-K Elementary Administrators’ Rep. Marcia Altman, Community Living Wallaceburg	
Regrets:	Kelley Robertson, Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee Lori Richardson, Lambton County Development Services Jennifer Howell, Autism Ontario – West Region 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 Dawn Hyatt, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Elementary Emily Colvin, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Secondary	
Resource Staff:	Angie Barrese, Superintendent of Education Carrielyn Smith, System Coordinator LKDSB 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 Mary-Ann Tuer, Recording Secretary	
Guests:	Christine Kent, Community Living, Chatham Kent Sandra Pidduck – Epilepsy SW Ontario	
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"> • Melani Rich Moved, Melanie Coll Seconded <i>“That the Agenda be approved”</i>; All in favour 	
Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Veenendaal Moved, Malinda Little Seconded <i>“That the Minutes of December 14, 2023, 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 December 14, 2023, meeting. 	
Presentation - Community Program for New Graduates – Community Living, Chatham Kent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator – Heather Touzin introduced Steve Stokely and Christine Kent from Community Living, Chatham Kent • Christine spoke about the Making It Happen program, which encourages people with disabilities to acquire the necessary skills and confidence for lifelong learning and growth. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Making it Happen program is designed to assist adults ages 18 – 28 to acquire the skills necessary to transition from school to life in the community. • Support is split into two categories: one-on-one support and recreational/group support. Individualized supports are developed based on intensive goal setting and planning designed to build connections to natural support networks. Recreational support groups support those who want to stay engaged with their peers; they are closely linked to the Options program and provide weekly sessions with the Circles program. Other education components include budgeting, addiction awareness, sexual health, etc • The program can support 40 people at a time, approximately 20 people on each caseload. • Steve shared an overview of the Job Worx, Community Livening’s Summer Employment Program, modeled after Community Living Sarnia’s jobPath program. This program works with 20 secondary students in the area where participants work at their employer in the mornings and volunteer every other afternoon, providing students with the skills and confidence to improve their financial well-being. 	
Presentation – General Strategies for Children with Epilepsy – Epilepsy SW Ontario.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Coordinator introduced Epilepsy SW Ontario Epilepsy Educator Sandra Pidduck. • Sandra spoke about the assistance Epilepsy SW Ontario provides the LKDSB and our students, as well as what we can do to help support our students with epilepsy every day. • She informed the group about the inner workings of the brain, our neurons and lobes, where seizures come from and what causes epilepsy. • Sandra said one in ten people would have a seizure in their lifetime; not all seizures are caused by epilepsy, and that epilepsy is an invisible condition. 	
Association Reports and Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Coll - Pathways Health Centre for Children is pleased to announce Pathways has received their report from Accreditation Canada and has been accredited with exemplary standing from the on-site review in November. The Pot Pie Fundraiser will be held on February 28th; orders can be placed through their website in advance. • Michelle Holbrook, Rebound: A Program for Youth – 40th Anniversary this year; multiple events, including the Hearts for Youth Gala, February 10th tickets still available. • Julia MacKellar, Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent, shared that their tutoring program has wrapped up until the new term on Feb 20th. Tutors take the month off to complete their reports. Programming is offered to all children struggling with academics; students do not need to be identified to attend. • Clay Scott, Community Living, Wallaceburg, informed the group that changes have been made to provincial funding for employment services and Employment Services would be formally closed at the end of February. • Chris King shared the Community Living Employment Services Sarnia Update; John Hagens's formal retirement had a high turnout, including the Mayor; AMSS is hosting their annual Pasta Fest on Feb 29th at the Lambton College Event Centre, raising funds for their Eco Therapy Learning Space. • Superintendent Barrese informed the group that starting in September 2024, all Secondary schools will be offering essential Math and English courses, providing equitable access and opportunity for all students. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Barrese asked to move the May 16th meeting to May 9th as she and Carrielyn Smith are unavailable that day. • The meeting date has been revised to May 9th, 2024. 	• All
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. – Wallaceburg District Secondary School – Rm 269 	• All
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Richards moved, and Melanie Coll seconded, “That the meeting be adjourned”; All in favour; the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. 	