

LAMBTON-KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

~ Thursday, November 16, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. at Wallaceburg District Secondary School ~

Present:	<p>Chris King, Community Living, Sarnia Lambton                  Malinda Little, Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee                  Kelley Robertson, Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee                  Melani Rich, Autism Ontario – West Region                  Jennifer Howell, Autism Ontario – West Region                  Gillian Hueniken, Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent                  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                  Steve Stokley, Community Living, Chatham-Kent                  Sarah Simmons, LINCK Child, Youth &amp; Family Services                  Melanie Coll, Pathways Health Centre for Children                  Andraya MacMillan, Rebound: A Program for Youth</p>	
Regrets:	<p>Vicki Ware, Four First Nation Education Authority Representative                  Wendy Smith, Community Living, Wallaceburg                  Trevor Aldous, Member-at-Large                  Marica Altiman, Community Living, Wallaceburg                  Lori Richardson, Lambton County Development Services                  Carrielyn Smith, System Coordinator                  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                  Heather Touzin, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator - Secondary                  Emily Colvin, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator - Secondary                  Marty Passmore, Vice-Principal, L-K Secondary Administrators’ Rep.                  Taryn Lessard, Principal, L-K Elementary Administrators’ Rep.</p>	
Resource Staff:	<p>Angie Barrese, Superintendent of Education                  Cori Savo, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator - Elementary                  Jeff Brosh, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator - Elementary                  Mary-Ann Tuer, Recording Secretary</p>	
Guests:	<p>Carla Wilson, System of Student Achievement Elementary                  Judy Dawson, Learning Disabilities Association of C-K</p>	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Details/Discussion</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
Call to Order, Territorial Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris King called the meeting to order</li> <li>Trustee Little recited the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgment</li> </ul>	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steve Stokley Moved, Trustee Little Seconded <i>“That the Agenda be approved”</i>; All in favour</li> </ul>	
Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted that the Lambton College application fees were rising, not tuition Fees. Mary-Ann will revise in minutes.</li> <li>Melanie Coll Moved, Trustee Robertson Seconded <i>“That the Minutes of October 19, 2023, 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 October 19, 2023</li> </ul>	
Presentation - LKDSB’s Science of Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superintendent Barrese introduced LKDSB System Coordinator Carla Wilson</li> <li>Carla Wilson, System Coordinator of Elementary Achievement, gave an update on tiered support actions being implemented in early literacy in alignment with the Right to Read Report and the revised Language curriculum (2023).</li> <li>Early Literacy Intervention Coaches are working in Kindergarten to Grade 2 classrooms in each elementary school on a bi-weekly basis</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaches are completing screeners and working with small groups of students as tier 2 intervention to strengthen student skills in phonemic awareness and phonics</li> <li>Explicit and systematic instruction is being implemented across the district using evidence-based materials (Heggerty and Flyleaf)</li> <li>The professional development of teachers is being supported through in-classroom modelling and release with Early Literacy Intervention Coaches</li> <li>Pre- and post-screener data has shown positive growth in student skill development</li> </ul>	
Presentation – LKDSB’s Neuro Diversities - Diversify and Meet Student Needs in the Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superintendent Barrese introduced LKDSB’s Cori Savo and Jeff Brosh, Student Support Service/Well-Being Coordinators</li> <li>Cori and Jeff shared information on neuro diversities, how students learn and how every student learns differently.</li> <li>Cori highlighted the different tools educators use to engage students and ensure every student can succeed, e.g. Creating Culture, Visuals, Visual Schedules, Sensory Breaks, Calming Spots, and Accommodated Tasks</li> <li>Understanding that "Fair isn't everyone getting the same thing...Fair is everybody getting what they need to be successful."</li> </ul>	
October 31, 2023, Exceptional Pupil Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superintendent Barrese spoke about the October 31, 2023, Report, noting that there were 825 elementary and 1,479 secondary pupils identified, for a total of 2,304 exceptional pupils.</li> <li>As well she pointed out that 1,361 elementary and 883 secondary pupils, for a total of 2,244 pupils, aren’t formally identified but have an IEP</li> <li>Superintendent Barrese noted that the ministry collects data in various ways and has specific criteria determining an exceptionality. The number of identified students does not have an impact on funding.</li> </ul>	
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A letter dated July 11, 2023, Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB SEAC regarding cited concerns relative to the recruitment and retention of EAs.</li> <li>SEAC agreed to draft a letter regarding the recruitment and retention of staff serving the capacity of the Educational Resource Worker, which has been approved and mailed to the Minister.</li> <li>Trustee Little asked that the group pass a motion in support of sharing the letter at an upcoming Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary-Ann Tuer</li> </ul>
Approval of the letter to OPSBA	Trustee Little Moved, Trustee Roberston Seconded “That the letter regarding the recruitment and retention of staff serving the capacity of the Educational Resource Worker be shared with OPSBA”; All in favour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary-Ann Tuer</li> </ul>
Association Reports and Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wendy Smith - Community Living Wallaceburg has joined with local restaurants in the Wallaceburg Area for Dine to Donate CK. Nov 27 – Dec 1. This will help raise funds for CL Wallaceburg; Donations of socks are being collected at the Wallaceburg Santa Clause parade on Nov 18, @ 2:00; Donations of gently used jackets and coats are being accepted; please drop them off at CL Wallaceburg.</li> <li>Melanie Coll said Pathways Sarnia is hosting their annual Secret Santa Shoppe from November 17- November 26, 2023, and is still in need of Student volunteers; Pathways is undergoing heating and cooling maintenance; please dress warmly when visiting; Poinsettias for Pathways fundraiser from Dec 1 – Dec 22 for \$18 each; Partnered with Voice communications - certified medical interpreters for multi-language speakers being able to access and view Pathways information and services.</li> <li>Gillian Hueniken said CTC is offering Butterfly Retreat (a Saturday Respite Opportunity for clients of the CTC ). This lets parents enjoy some time on their own while their child is cared for by qualified professionals in a familiar, safe environment. Family Survey – CTC’s use the Measures of Processes of Care annually; CTC has been utilizing the MPOC 20 for our caseload (<a href="https://www.canchild.ca/en/shop/10-mpoc-20-online-survey">https://www.canchild.ca/en/shop/10-mpoc-20-online-survey</a> ).; Can Child is administrating the survey for our agency this year. They will summarize, analyze and forward a report on our behalf; Results will plan improvements based on feedback.; Two new Board members have joined the CTC-CK Board - Naty Ramirez: Naty is the Executive</li> </ul>	

	<p>Lead of equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-racism at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance &amp; Angela Corso: Angela is a Director at Community Living Chatham; Caregiver's Night Out on Wednesday, December 13th from 6:30- 7:30 pm at the CTC-CK. This is open and free to all parents and caregivers who have children/ youth receiving services with the CTC.; CTC family event on Nov 30th to celebrate the holiday season. Location- The armories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris King reported CLSL has been selected to join WREN, which will allow enhanced services to job seekers with disabilities in our community; The Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> jobPath Employment discovery workshop has 9 participants. This is a 6-week program focusing on individual skill sets and readiness for employment; jobPath is working with LKDSB for an Options North program. Info sessions will be offered in October with a launch in January 2024; Jumpstart Teen Transition fair was held at Pathways on Oct 18 with special presentations made by ODSP, DSO, Lambton College CICE and Stepping Stones; The Employment Transitions and jobPath Team attended the Futures Development Conference at Blue Mountain Conference Centre; National Disability Employment Awareness Month took place in October with "Light It Up for NDEAM" on Oct 19 where various landmarks, businesses, and government buildings were lit up in blue and purple.</li> </ul>	
New Business	Chris suggested that we put something in place for updating program reviews before the end of June and to have something to present to the committee based on recommendations from last year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angie Barrese</li> </ul>
Next Meeting	December 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. – Sarnia Oakdale	All
Adjournment	Trustee Robertson moved, and Lisa Veenendaal seconded 'That the meeting be adjourned'; All in favour; the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.	All