

LAMBTON-KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

~ Thursday, October 19, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. at Wallaceburg District Museum ~

Present:	<p>Malinda Little, Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee                  Melani Rich, Autism Ontario – West Region                  Gillian Hueniken, Children’s Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent                  Lisa Veenendaal, Community Integration through Cooperative Education – Lambton College                  Chris King, Community Living, Sarnia Lambton                  Wendy Smith, Community Living, Wallaceburg                  Marica Altiman, Community Living, Wallaceburg                  Lori Richardson, Lambton County Development Services                  Kelley Robertson, Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee                  Julia MacKellar, Learning Disabilities Association of Chatham-Kent                  Sarah Simmons, LINCK Child, Youth &amp; Family Services                  Melanie Coll, Pathways Health Centre for Children                  Michelle Holbrook, Rebound: A Program for Youth</p>	
Regrets:	<p>Angie Barrese, Superintendent of Education                  Lori Marvin, St. Clair Child &amp; Youth Services                  Steve Stokley, Community Living, Chatham-Kent                  Vicki Ware, Four First Nation Education Authority Representative                  Trevor Aldous, Member-at-Large                  Cori Savo, 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                  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.</p>	
Resource Staff:	<p>Carrielyn Smith, System Coordinator and Interim Superintendent of Student Support Services/Well-Being                  Jeff Brosh, Student Support Services/Well-Being Coordinator - Elementary                  Nick Nienuis, Principal, L-K Elementary Administrators’ Rep.                  Mary-Ann Tuer, Recording Secretary</p>	
Guests:	<p>Nicole Beuckelare, System Coordinator Mathematics LKDSB                  Ben Hazzard, Superintendent Early Years LKDSB                  Josalyn Lyons, Applied Behaviour Analysis Specialist LKDSB                  Ashka Raval, Applied Behaviour Analysis Specialist LKDSB</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>Trustee Little recited the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgment</li> </ul>	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lisa Veenendaal Moved, Trustee Little Seconded <i>“That the Agenda be approved”</i>; All in favour</li> </ul>	
Approval of Minutes of Sept 21, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trustee Robertson Moved, Melanie Coll Seconded <i>“That the Minutes of Sept 21, 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 Sept 21, 2023</li> </ul>	
Presentation - LKDSB’s Math Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith introduced System Coordinator Nicole Beuckelare</li> <li>Nicole provided an overview of the LKDSB’s Math Action Plan, which is a ministry focus that has funded math facilitators and a math focus in 27 of our board’s schools as determined by the 2021-2022 EQAO results.</li> <li>Nicole highlighted that the plan would focus on professional development and increased mathematical leadership in schools, as well as an in-classroom focus on increasing number sense development and creating a community of mathematical thinkers.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nicole and System Coordinator Carla Wilson have visited all schools and have assigned five math facilitators to schools and classrooms to compile data.</li> <li>LKDSB Grade 6 EQAO scores have increased by 9% this past year.</li> </ul>	
Presentation - Student Support Services/Well-Being Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith introduced LKDSB Applied Behaviour Analysis Specialists Ashka Raval and Josalyn Lyons.</li> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith reviewed the Tiered model of support (Tier 1 strategies are good for all, Tier 2 responsive necessary for some (identified by data), Tier 3 intensive essential for few (data supports, resources exhausted)) and stressed the benefits of having trained Applied Behaviour Analysis Specialists with clinical backgrounds in our schools working alongside our Coordinators.</li> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith meets with Coordinator's and ABA's to discuss each school, students, and behaviours to have a good understanding of needs in each building.</li> <li>ABAs are paired with a Coordinator to build networking and consistency.</li> <li>Ashka Raval emphasized an evidence-based skilled training approach</li> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith feels we are already seeing positive results this early into the school year.</li> </ul>	
Student Support Services/Well-Being Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith spoke about the Student Support Services/Well-Being Department Responsibilities; as well, she discussed the list outlining each Coordinator's Schools</li> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith explained that any unfilled Speech and Language positions are currently being contracted out by Tinyeye and CDI to ensure students are not left without services</li> </ul>	•
Memo to SEAC re: 2022-2023 Special Equipment Amount Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith shared the 2023-2024 Special Education Amount Claims and highlighted that these numbers do not reflect any recommendations under the \$800.00 benchmark.</li> </ul>	•
Exceptional Students Suspended (Out of School), By Exceptionality (2018-2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith informed SEAC that our Board is consistently reflecting on suspension data and the impact to racialized and marginalized students, students with exceptionalities and students from vulnerable backgrounds.</li> </ul>	•
Summary of Results of SEAC's 2023 – 2024 Priority-Setting Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith reviewed an outline of monthly presentation topics with the group. Presentation topics are committee recommendations from our Sept mtg.</li> <li>Having potential "field trips" was discussed with the consideration of holding the December meeting at Community Living and Ywho for a tour.</li> </ul>	• All
2023-2024 Meeting Method/Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Superintendent Smith said the Committee will move meeting locations to LKDSB properties as the Museum currently does not offer custodial staff to lock up at night.</li> <li>A survey has been conducted with Committee members to determine location preference.</li> <li>The Committee has requested and implemented a hybrid model for Committee members to be able to attend virtually or in person. This offers members more flexibility in attending.</li> </ul>	• All
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A letter dated July 11, 2023 Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB SEAC regarding cited concerns relative the recruitment and retention of EA's.</li> <li>SEAC agreed to draft a letter regarding the recruitment and retention of staff serving the capacity of the Educational Resource Worker.</li> <li>SEAC approved the letter drafted by staff (attached) and will be forwarded to the appropriate Ministers in order to make the Board's position known.</li> <li>Trustee Robertson offered to share the letter at an upcoming Office of Public Service Accessibility (OPSA) meeting.</li> </ul>	• Mary-Ann Tuer

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Association Reports and Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wendy Smith shared Community Living Wallaceburg's Connect 5 Networking Event on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. – 6:30 pm</li> <li>• Julia MacKellar said Social Skills 10-week programs started this month, and registration is open for another week. Programs run from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. on two different weeknights by age. Trying to be more flexible with families' schedules. Please email or call.</li> <li>• Melanie Coll said Pathways Sarnia is hosting their annual Secret Santa Shoppe from November 17- November 26, 2023. Mary-Ann to share with Secondary Guidance counsellors to help recruit student volunteers. Community Concerns for the Medically Fragile is hosting a free caregiver seminar on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at Pathways. Mary-Ann to share with ALLP classroom contacts.</li> <li>• Lisa Veenendaal shared that Lambton College will host an Open House on November 18 from 10 am – 2 pm. There will be raffles to waive application fees. Tuition costs are rising. Application nights are advertised on the radio and are free. Is having difficulties securing presentations for the CICE Program in schools.</li> <li>• Chris King shared that Community Living anticipates formal notification of their Service and Innovation Plan proposal. A joint information session was held this month with the special education teachers at the LKDSB high schools within our area. An OPTIONS NORTH information session for potential students and their families/ caregivers has been planned. Will begin meeting with prospective participants in late October/ early November 2023. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, Evan and Heather spoke to the special education classes at Northern Collegiate &amp; Vocational School about employment. Employment Transitions and jobPath was approached by the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility (MSA) to help connect with a local employer who was hired through our employment services; they want to tell this employer's story and explain the benefits of hiring a job seeker with disabilities from a business perspective. Hailey Jackson has been hired as the new Employment Specialist for jobPath.</li> </ul>	Mary-Ann Tuer
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. – Wallaceburg District Secondary School Library</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All</li> </ul>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Robertson Moved, Lisa Veenendaal Seconded '<i>That the meeting be adjourned</i>'; All in favour; the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.</li> </ul>	