



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 24th, 2021

Microsoft Teams – 6:29 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

(Double Meeting- part two)

SEAC Members:

Sue Wilson, (Chair)

Trustee

Amanda Banfield (Vice Chair)

Lanark County Support Services

Karen McAllister

Trustee

Deena Shorkey

Cornwall Community Hospital

Tom Jordan

*Family and Children Services of Lanark, Leeds, and
Grenville*

Kim Peterson

Member at Large

Rob More

Rural FASD Support Network

Board Resource Staff:

Heather Gerber

Superintendent of School Effectiveness

Renee Rozon

Principal of Special Education

Kariane Schinzel

*Administrative Assistant to Superintendent
Gerber*

Approved Regrets with notification:

Shelley More

Alternate, Rural FASD Support Network

Guests:

Ashley Walker

CSC Representative,

St. Anne, Cornwall

Lorraine Boyer

Parent Pope John Paul II, Hammond

St. Francis Xavier HS, Hammond

Andrea Hamilton

Teacher, Bishop Macdonell, Cornwall

Natalie Dupuis-Muir

Chair, St. Francis Xavier HS, Hammond

Parent, Pope John Paul II, Hammond

Mandy Roach Swerdfeger

CSC Representative,

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Ingleside

Angela MacLeod

CSC Representative,

St. Thomas Aquinas CHS, Russell

Charlene Davidson

CSC Representative,

St. Joseph CSS, Cornwall



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I. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Amanda Banfield CARRIED

II. **Association Updates**

Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield

Report update:

- LCSS staff will be receiving Trauma Informed Care training this December.
- A virtual staff celebration was held game show style for our current and past team members. A fun evening of trivia and socializing.
- We have begun to offer up to three days for participants in our agencies as we have begun to go into the community once again. Many of our work experiences and volunteering locations have requested we return.
- TSS is accepting referrals and continues to assist with transitioning from youth to adult services, navigating the adult system and pro-actively planning for individuals.

Cornwall Community Hospital – Deena Shorkey

Report update:

- Continuing to see an increase in the number of referrals for youth with complex /urgent mental health needs
- Increase in the number of caregivers requesting supports regarding their own stressors during the pandemic, we are assisting more caregivers with accessing their own mental health services and providing more family-based supports to address these issues
- Receiving many referrals from school boards as they seem to be dealing with increased pressures in regard to students needs
- As lead agency our multi year report is due at the end of November and we are working on putting forward proposals to address the gap in short term residential services and intensive support services to youth and families during times of crisis- there is some indication that there may be new funding investments

Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville – Tom Jordan

Report update:

Staff Appreciation

- FCSLLG did formally recognize and celebrate all staff at an Employee Appreciation event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2/2021. Special consideration was given to employees that have reached their 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 30 years of service.



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Client Survey

- The annual client survey process is underway. The survey opened on November 1st and runs until November 29th. This year, we have a group of five students who will be conducting the surveys with our protection families, foster parents, and kin caregivers, and of course our children and youth in care.

Treaties Recognition Week – November 1st to 7th

- FCSLLG formally acknowledged Treaties Recognition Week from November 1st to 7th. This week is meant to honor the treaties agreed to between Indigenous nations and the Crown in right of Ontario over the last 250 years. There were numerous virtual events that took place during this week. For more information, please see the link below.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week>

Girls Inc PA Days

- We have set up a partnership with Girls Inc to provide worthwhile Professional Activity Day Camp activities for our young ladies in care. PA Day Camp Information and Registration forms can be found at <https://forms.gle/FW78CjhW7Do3CdXS7>

Polar Bear Plunge for Charity

- FCSLLG is hoping to raise \$20,000 through staff (and their families) participation in the annual Perth New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge. Staff that are unable to take the plunge are being encouraged to cheer on and pledge our colleagues that are brave enough.

Community Member – Kim Peterson

Report update:

- Reminder
 - **Family Dinners over the Christmas Break**
Date: Tuesday, December 7th at 7 PM
Registration: <http://OttawaCSPA.eventbrite.com>

Event Description:

The holiday season is fast approaching and that means gatherings with family and friends! We all know that most get-togethers during this time of year are centered around delicious food. Join your Dietitian, Emily Fitzgerald, to learn more about creating balanced festive meals for the whole family. And discover tips for saving time in the kitchen so you can spend more quality time with your loved ones.



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Rural FASD Support Network – Rob More

Report update:

- On Nov 20, caregivers and adults with FASD met and determined the evaluation process we will be using going forward to determine the effectiveness of our programming by giving input to our logic model.
- Our expression of interest for the Trillium Youth Innovation Fund was accepted and we have now been invited to submit an application. With Open Doors as our organizational mentor to provide financial management and organizational mentoring, and our assigned OTF manager, we are in process to finalize our application. If we receive the funding, we will hire a full-time coordinator, part-time marketer and lease an office space.
- Our expression of interest for the Growing Expertise in Evaluation Fund has been accepted. With the assigned evaluator from Brain Science Ontario who is helping us develop our evaluation capacity and logic model, we are also completing an application to hire a full-time program manager and evaluator with a part-time fundraising position
- We have been invited to complete an application with the Enabling Accessibility fund to provide a forum for our youth to share their lived experiences.
- With the help of a federal political strategist, we are currently in conversations with some potential corporate sponsors.
- Andrew Jahn, musician, is currently developing a tour for the spring which will see a portion of the proceeds go to our organization. More details to come.
- CanFASD has now released their online course for frontline workers primarily in the area of social services identifying best practices. <https://estore.canfasd.ca/identifying-best-practices-for-fasd>
- CanFASD is also updating their online courses for educators with the most recent research being included. Release date is estimated to be February.
- Due to continuing advocacy at the federal level, we are being told to watch for the federal budget in terms of support for people with FASD.
- CMHO is hosting a webinar again this year on FASD at their annual conference which includes Janet Carioni. Webinar is designed for mental health clinicians but open and free to anyone. https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kbWv9onDRoSjMQXbI0oO8w



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III. Department Update

- Hired two Re-Engagement Consultants to support students and families who have not attended school, have had inconsistent attendance, or have disengaged from their learning. The consultant will work in collaboration with the school team to connect students to a network of supports in the school community to support re-engagement.
- Many recent professional development sessions have taken place and are ongoing including:
 - New Itinerant ABLE Workers recently completed Violent Threat Risk Assessment.
 - New Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) training.
 - Ongoing sessions to support the new IEP platform in ASPEN.
 - For the PD Day this Friday, SSWs, IAWs, and EAs, will participate in Behavioural Management System (BMS) certification, recertification, and various workshops. Workshop topics include:
 - **Using Assistive Tools Authentically** (Corey Kalsi, *Technology Consultant* and Julie Marshall, *Assistive Technology Educational Assistant*)
 - **Overview of Student Mental Health Resources Available at CDSBEO** (Michelle Neville, *Mental Health Lead Presenter*.)
 - **A Word in the Hands** (Lori Murphy, *Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist*)
 - **Below the Behaviour: Using brain science to better understand student behaviour and fostering growth** (Janet Carioni, *Occupational Therapist*)
 - **Effective Strategies to Support Students with Attention Difficulties** (Dr. Krista Kiiffner, *Lead Psychologist* and Leigh-Ann Ellis, Trisha Gill, Nicole Oattes, Joanne Fong, *Psycho-Educational Consultant Team*)
- CDSBEO Speech Language Pathologists and Special Education Consultants will be supporting St. Joseph's, Gananoque with a Leadership and Innovation Funding for Teachers (LIFT) grant, whose topic is the *Science of Reading*!
- We now have a brochure to explain the Education & Community Partnership Program (ECP) to families and agencies. CDSBEO has three sites: Bishop Macdonell, Cornwall; St. Francis Xavier, Brockville; and Pope John Paul II, Hammond.
- For the 2021-22 school year, the Ministry of Education will once again make changes to the Special Incidence Portion (SIP), to provide school boards with greater operational flexibility and reduced administrative requirements due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. (SIP is one of the six allocations that make up the Special Education Grant, which is part of the Grants for Student Needs. SIP is intended to support students with extraordinarily high needs who require more than two full-time staff to address their health and/or safety needs, and those of others at their school).
 - There will be no SIP claims-based process in 2021-22.
 - All school boards will be funded at their 2020-21 SIP allocation amounts, plus a 5% increase.



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IV. New Business

- Autism Ontario Request for Representation on SEAC
 - Letter was received from Lisa Nightingale, Chapter & Volunteer Supervisor, Autism Ontario, appointing Nicole Taylor to sit as the representative for Autism Ontario.
 - SEAC is asking Lisa Nightingale for an alternate to be named for the remainder of this term, ending November 30th, 2022.
 - A recommendation for SEAC to appoint Nicole Taylor as representative of Autism Ontario for the balance of this term of office, ending November 30th, 2022. This recommendation goes forward to the board of trustees for their consideration on December 14th, 2021, to appoint Nicole Taylor as representative for autism Ontario.

Moved by: Amanda Banfield Carried

V. Correspondence Received

- Letter from Trillium Lakelands District School Board-Support for Bill 172
- Letter of resignation, Deena Shorkey, MSW RSW
 Director, Child and Youth Mental Health Services
 Community Addiction and Mental Health Services, Cornwall Hospital
- Letter of concern from SEAC, Waterloo Region District School Board to Honourable Stephen Lecce regarding online learning resources

VI. Motion to Excuse Regrets: n/a

VII. Next SEAC Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 26th, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Topics for Presentations for the 2021-2022 School Year	Date
Student Re-engagement	Wednesday, Sept 1 st , 2021
Executive Functioning	Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021
Behaviour Management Systems	Wednesday, Oct 27 th , 2021
Notre Dame Greenhouse Project & CPCO 'Making a Difference, Trauma-Informed Support'	Wednesday, Nov 24 th , 2021
Human Trafficking	Wednesday, Jan 26 th , 2022
Vision and Hearing	Wednesday, Feb 23 rd , 2022
Student Success	
Student Re-Engagement follow up presentation with Principal Panel	



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VIII. Good News Sharing

Members and guests shared items of good news from across our eight counties.

IX. Closing Prayer

Principal Rozon led the group in the CDSBEO Board Prayer.

X. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Moved by: Tom Jordan CARRIED

CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking

Date	Chair, Trustee	Vice Chair, Lanark County Support Services	Trustee	Rural FASD Support Network	Cornwall Community Hospital	Family and Children Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville	Member at Large	Total
September 1 st , 2021	P	P	P	P	P	X		5
September 29 th , 2021	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7
October 27, 2021	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7
November 24, 2021	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7
January 26, 2022								
February 23, 2022								
March 30, 2022								
April 27, 2022								
May 25, 2022								

(4 members are required to be in attendance in order to reach Quorum)