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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 14th, 2021

Microsoft Teams – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Present:

SEAC Members:

Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee
Amanda Banfield (Vice Chair), Lanark County
Support Services
Karen McAllister, Trustee
Karen Moore, Open Doors for Lanark Children
and Youth
Rob More, Rural FASD Support Network
Tom Jordan, Family and Children's Services of
Lanark, Leeds and Grenville
Shelley More, Rural FASD Support Network
(Alternate)
Cathy Knapp-Fisher, Family and Children's
Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville
(Alternate)

Approved Regrets with notification:

Deena Shorkey, Cornwall Community Hospital

Board Resource Staff:

Heather Gerber, Superintendent of School
Effectiveness
Renee Rozon, Principal of Special Education
Heather Bovey, Coordinator of Special
Education
Kariane Schinzel, Administrative Assistant to
Heather Gerber

Guests:

Trudy Scott, CUPE President
Rhonda Peterson, CUPE
Lorraine Boyer, Parent, Pope John Paul II and
St. Francis Xavier CHS, Hammond
Kim Peterson, SEAC, Ottawa Catholic School
Board

Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

Sue Wilson (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests.

Roll Call

Absent: Deena Shorkey, Cornwall Community Hospital

Land Acknowledgement

Heather Bovey said the Land Acknowledgement.

Opening Prayer

Principal Rozon led the group in the opening prayer.

I. **Approval of Amended Agenda**

- Addition – VI. New Business: Public Consultation on the K-12 Standards Development Committee's (K-12 SDC) Initial Recommendations Report

Moved by: Amanda Banfield

CARRIED

II. **Sharing May 31st, 2021 Minutes**

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on June 7th, 2021.

Motion:

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Tom Jordan

CARRIED

III. **Association Updates**

Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield

- TSS continues to function in a virtual capacity – building and maintaining relationships with participants and their families/caregivers, providing on-going employment supports to currently employed participants as needed. Support is provided virtually, assisting individuals and families in crisis, attending annual planning meetings and participating in transition planning.
- TSS continues to be available as a resource to schools and families to better understand the adult system and assist in transitioning to and navigating the adult system and life-long planning.
- In-person supports are continuing with cohorts of five (including staff). Virtual services continue in both a group format and individual.
- A new fiscal year for funding has begun and Passport One has continued with the exceptions for spending due to the pandemic. Changes coming in June, and a revised set of guidelines coming in September.
- MCCSS has released the report from the in-person and virtual engagement sessions with people with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, service providers and other stakeholders about reforming the developmental services system. Please see link for the complete document: [Journey to Belonging: Choice and Inclusion | Ontario.ca](#) The plain language report is attached to this report.

- We have begun our 40th Anniversary Celebration. We have started with a fun fitness challenge using the World walking App for participants and staff to walk 40 000km. Our celebrations began June 4th and will come to an end December 31, 2021. Fun virtual and in-person activities are planned over the next few months.

Rural FASD Support Network – Rob More

- Website is 75 % constructed and we hope to launch in the next couple of months.
- MCSS replied and they are not rejecting request but continuing to consult.
- We will continue to monitor as the province opens to Stage 3 and may come together for first formal meeting.

Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth – Karen Moore

- Open Doors will be open all summer providing counselling and sessions for children, youth, and families. Please pass the word along.
- The Youth Engagement Group is doing some work around the Indigenous children from the Kamloops school. Please look on the website for more information.

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

No update at this time.

IV. Department Update

We continue to work on Educational Assistant staffing for the next school year. All specialized EA positions have been filled and the EA placement meeting takes place on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021.

A memo regarding summer retrieval of items for SEA deaf and hard of hearing equipment has been shared with all schools to ensure we are following COVID-19 protocols, while planning for supports to be ready for students for the first day of classes.

Special transportation requests from schools have now been submitted. We continue to work with STEO in planning for the first day of classes in September.

We are in the process of finalizing a brochure that explains our ECPP programs to families and school staff. We are also updating the Special Education section on the Board website to provide the most efficient way to share information in an accessible format.

The Summer Learning Program will take place in July 2021. In addition to having a .50 EA available to support each classroom, there will be a floater EA and a member from both our ABA and SLP teams supporting daily.

We are hoping to have a Transition Planning Week (August 24-30th) for students currently attending specialized programs.

V. Report to the Ministry of Education on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services – June 2021

Motion:

Recommendations signed by Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee and Amanda Banfield (Vice Chair).

Moved by: Rob More

CARRIED

VI. New Business

- SEAC Goals/Priorities – 2021/2022 School Year
 - SEAC meetings will be held via teams.
 - Advise Special Education training to SEAC representatives on Catholic School Councils.
 - How to ensure parents have access and understand the information on services offered from CDSBEO and community partners for Special Education.

- Topics for Presentations – 2021/2022 School Year
 - Human Trafficking
 - Student Re-Engagement
 - Executive Functioning
 - Notre Dame Greenhouse Project
 - BMS
 - Vision and Hearing
 - Student Success
 - Anxiety

- SEAC Meeting Dates – 2021/2022 School Year
 - Wednesday, September 1st, 2021
 - Wednesday, September 29th, 2021
 - Wednesday, October 27th, 2021
 - Wednesday, November 24th, 2021

- Public Consultation on the K-12 Standards Development Committee's (K-12 SDC) Initial Recommendations Report

VII. Correspondence Received

No correspondence received.

VIII. Motion to Excuse Regrets Received

Motion:

Motion to excuse Deena Shorkey, Cornwall Community Hospital.

Moved by: Karen Moore

CARRIED

IX. Next SEAC Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held virtually on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m.

X. Good News Sharing

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

Chair Wilson and Superintendent Gerber thanked the members of SEAC for their gift of time and for their dedication in supporting the students across the CDSBEO. “Thank you for being present and collaborating to make the CDSBEO SEAC, the best SEAC in the province. Your dedication and time are true gifts and mean so very much to all the children we advocate for and support.”

They also took a moment to thank and congratulate Heather Bovey, Coordinator of Special Education, for her ongoing support and passion in supporting the students, staff, and families within the CDSBEO. They wished her a much-deserved retirement filled with all the great blessings life has to offer.

XI. Closing Prayer

Principal Rozon led the group in the CDSBEO Board Prayer.

XII. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Moved by: Tom Jordan

CARRIED

CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking

	Trustee / Chair	Trustee	Rural FASD Support Network	Lanark County Support Services	Cornwall Community Hospital	Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth	Family and Children Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville	Assoc. for Community Living *Resigned September 30 th , 2020		Member-at-Large (vacant)	Total
August 26 th , 2020	P	P	P	P		P					5
September 30 th , 2020	P	P	P		P	P					5
October 28 th , 2020	P	P	P	P		P					5
Nov 25 th , 2020 – Meeting #1	P	P	P	P	P		P				6
Nov 25 th , 2020 – Meeting #2	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				7
January 27 th , 2021	P	P	P	P	P		P				6
March 3 rd , 2021	P	P	P	P	P		P				6
March 31 st , 2021	P	P	P			P	P				5
April 21 st , 2021	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				7
May 12 th , 2021	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				7
May 31 st , 2021	P	P	P	P		P	P				6
June 14 th , 2021	P	P	P	P		P	P				6

*New 4-year term of office effective December 1st, 2018.
 (4 members are required to be in attendance in order to reach Quorum)*