



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, September 29th, 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

Rob More

Rural FASD Support Network

Shelley More

Rural FASD Support Network (Alternate)

Deena Shorkey

Cornwall Community Hospital

Tom Jordan

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

Kim Peterson

Member at Large

Board Resource Staff:

Heather Gerber

Superintendent of School Effectiveness

Renee Rozon

Principal of Special Education

Kariane Schinzel

Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Gerber

Guests:

Rhonda Peterson

CUPE

Lorraine Boyer

Parent (Pope John Paul, St. Francis Xavier, Hammond)

Victoria Storaas

Applied Behaviour Analysis Expertise Professional CDSBEO

Approved Regrets with notification: n/a

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

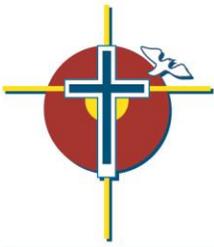
All in attendance

Land Acknowledgement

Superintendent Heather Gerber Acknowledged the Land.

Opening Prayer

Principal Rozon led the group in the opening prayer.



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I. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Tom Jordan CARRIED

II. Sharing September 1st, 2021, Minutes

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on September 22nd, 2021.

Motion:

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Deena Shorkey CARRIED

III. Association Updates

Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield

Report update:

- We have begun to increase in-person supports across the county. We continue to offer virtual services through our weekly schedule and registered sessions. The transition services continue to be available upon request.
- Developmental Services Updates: Ministry released an updated document for congregate care settings and MCSS funded day services to use in resumption of normal services. This document is available on the MCSS –Developmental Services website.
- The Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital, our sponsoring organization, is welcoming a new CEO, Michael Cohen, in November.
- LCSS is happy to welcome two new employees to our organization this month.
- Staff attended an online presentation from Brockville Career Services about the VJob Ready program. It is a virtual reality learning tool for job training. At present the program includes virtual reality training in food prep services and employs positive reinforcement, errorless learning and 1:1 support. Four agencies in Eastern Ontario and Southern Ontario are piloting the program this year. See these links for more information [Ontario Helping People with Disabilities Find Jobs | Ontario Newsroom](#) and [VjobReady: Virtual Reality-Based Job Training in the Disability Sector Gets Real - Ontario Disability Employment Network \(odenetwork.com\)](#)
- Staff attended a webinar - Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Tenant Webinar, September 14, 2021. DSO Housing Navigators welcomed guest speakers Faiza Malik, Caseworker and Housing Rights Educator, CERA - Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation and John Done, Executive Director, Kingston Community Legal Clinic.
- We are continuing to prepare for our 40th Anniversary Fall activities – Fall Selfie-Scavenger Hunt, Staff Celebration Virtual Evening, and our 40th year Grand celebration. To date with



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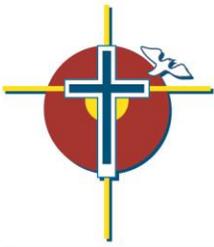
our walking/rolling challenge we have walked more than 100 000km as an agency! Our walking trips using the World Walking App include Brazil, Isle of Wight, Australia, New Zealand, London to Everest and most recently we are making our way through Africa.

- Stay tuned our new website will be live in the near future!
- Upcoming webinar of interest to families – Planning for your Future from P4P, September 29, 2021 @ 7 pm. Use this link to access [partners for planning](#) Typically these webinars are archived for future viewing. This is one in a series about planning for your future.

Rural FASD Support Network – Rob More

Report update:

- Caregiver group met physically for the first time since Feb 2019. 33 people in attendance and over 800 touchpoints made.
- Dr. Alan Bocking presented on the History of FASD Research and focused on the fact we now have the research which demonstrates what is needed for people with FASD to achieve positive life outcomes using 15 yrs of evidence and documentation
- Smiths Falls Civitan has announced they are publicly supporting our organization and donating so we can continue our child and youth groups this year.
- Our Expression of Interest for Trillium’s Family Innovation Scale Grant has been submitted.
- Our grant applications to Brain Canada and Lanark County have also been submitted. All applications are asking for salary and office space of a potential Program Coordinator and Marketing positions.
- Boys Group, Girls Group and Beckwith Tech Camp have all started as well.
- Website construction continues with final design now being done.
- MaryLou MacFarlane of Fawg Forest is joining us on Oct 16 to present on animal therapy.
- Brook Robinson has conducted 7 interviews of local organizations to do an environmental scan and gap analysis of FASD-informed services in the counties of Lanark and Leeds-Grenville. Report to be published in May 2022.



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Cornwall Community Hospital – Deena Shorkey

Report update:

- We are continuing to see referrals for youth presenting with suicide ideation and high levels of anxiety. Recently we have started to see an increase in our female clients presenting with eating issues, such as restricted eating. As we are aware of the increase in youth being hospitalized for eating disorders, we are trying to be proactive by providing training to staff in this area as well as looking to add the services of a dietician for consultations at our youth wellness hubs.
- Managing to keep up with referrals, have hired two master's prepared therapists to assist with clients.
- Adjusting to the different Covid protocols across the community to be able to provide service in schools, daycares, etc.
- We are working on developing two groups-bereavement group for youth who have lost a loved one with particular focus on the complexities around grieving during covid and another group for young mothers with infants and toddlers which will be co facilitated by one of our child and youth staff and a Cornwall primary care provider to address the maternal health needs and the mental health needs.
- We are continuing to provide hybrid services, virtual and in person based on the presenting issues and client preference

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

Report update:

- We have been working hard to re-engage students and get them back in schools.
 - Many of our students did not do well under a virtual only model.
- FCSLLG is part of a pilot project with Ottawa CAS and the University of Ottawa.
 - This “wrap around” approach is designed to utilize second year Faculty of Education Teacher candidates to help support the academic and social/emotional needs of our students in Grades 9 -12.
 - The project has been funded by the Ministry of Social Services.
 - There is a large data collection and analysis component to our project and many other.
 - Many other CASs have expressed interest in the project, and it could be expanded in 2022-23 to include other Faculties of Education and CASs across the province.
- FCSLLG is hosting the Eastern Region Conference for Ontario Education Championship teams on Thursday October 21/21. The conference will be held virtually.
 - The annual conference has not been held for two years due to Covid.



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IV. Department Update

- Focus on month of September was having Special Education staff supporting in schools. In being responsive to the needs, we have added some additional EA support.
- Lead staff from Psychology team and Speech Language-Pathologist team are dialoguing and collaborating on the topics of assessments, reengagement, and learning lags/lifts.
- Special Education Consultants have provided two different training sessions to SERTS around the new IEP/IPRC program in Aspen and continue to be available to support.
- A review and refresh of Lexia use and allocation of licenses is taking place. This is a multi-step process. Students who had licenses last year, continue to have access to those licenses at this time.
- Meetings are taking place with community partners including Kidsinclusive, CHEO and ConnectWell to review supports for students.
- Next week, Behaviour Crisis Consultants are completing their recertifications in Behaviour Management Systems and plans are in place to train and/or recertify support staff.
- Recalling last year's presentation on the Science of Reading, we were blessed to be able to offer decodable books to our schools to support this board-wide focus.
- Hiring two Reengagement Consultants who will work closely with our students and families that are having a hard time reengaging with school.

V. Executive Functions

Applied Behaviour Analysis Expertise Professional CDSBEO – Victoria Storaas

The mental processes that enable us to plan, focus attention, remember instructions, and juggle multiple tasks successfully. Our focus is on supporting our students in utilizing and enhancing their executive functioning through different teaching strategies. Teaching, learning, and celebrating the successes of our students, remembering change takes time.

VI. New Business

- Kim Peterson – welcomed as a member at large.

VII. Correspondence Received

- Michael Jacques - author, activist, and guest speaker information letter
- Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE) Communication



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VIII. Motion to Excuse Regrets: n/a

IX. Next SEAC Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 27th, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Topics for Presentations for 2021-2022 school year:

Presentations	Date
Student Re-engagement	Wednesday, Sept 1 st , 2021
Executive Functioning	Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021
Human Trafficking	Wednesday, Oct. 27 th , 2021 (<i>tentative</i>)
Student Success	
Vision and Hearing	
Behaviour Management Systems	
Notre Dame Greenhouse Project	
Student Re-engagement follow up presentation with Principal Panel	

X. Good News Sharing

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

XI. Closing Prayer

Principal Rozon led the group in the CDSBEO Board Prayer.

XII. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Moved by: Rob More CARRIED



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CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking

	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 (Vacant)	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								
November 24, 2021								
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)