



# CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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## MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Microsoft Teams – 6:00 p.m. to 7:32 p.m.

### **SEAC Members:**

**Sue Wilson, (Chair)**

*Trustee*

**Amanda Banfield (Vice Chair)**

*Lanark County Support Services*

**Karen McAllister**

*Trustee*

**Tom Jordan**

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

**Rob More**

*Rural FASD Support Network*

**Nicole Taylor**

*Autism Ontario - East Region*

**Amanda Petch**

*Alternate, Autism Ontario - East Region*

### **Guests:**

**Laurie Corrigan**

*CDSBEO, Director of Education*

**Sandra O'Doherty**

*CDSBEO, Board Certified Behaviour Analyst*

**Sarah Ahtell**

*CDSBEO, Board Certified Behaviour Analyst*

**Patricia Cole**

*CDSBEO, Applied Behavioural  
Analysis Expertise Professional*

**Janet Carioni**

*CDSBEO, Occupational Therapist*

**Trudy Scott**

*CUPE*

**Rhonda Peterson**

*CUPE*

**Ashley Walker**

*CSC Representative,  
St. Anne, Cornwall*

### **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:**

**Kimberly Gill**

*Children's Aid Society of the United Counties  
of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry*

**Natasha Scott**

*Child and Youth Mental Health Services  
Cornwall Community Hospital*

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## 1. Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

Sue Wilson (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests, including special guest, Laurie Corrigan, CDSBEO Director of Education and presenter, Sandra O'Doherty, CDSBEO, Board Certified Behaviour Analyst.

## 2. Land Acknowledgment

Superintendent Heather Gerber acknowledged the Land.

## 3. Opening Prayer

Principal Rozon led the group in opening prayer.

## 4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Tom Jordan CARRIED

## 5. Receiving March 30, 2022, Minutes

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on April 6, 2022.

### Motion:

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Nicole Taylor CARRIED

## 6. Presentation: The Joy of Being Part of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario From a Staff Perspective

*Sandra O'Doherty –CDSBEO, Board Certified Behaviour Analyst*

Miss Sandy spoke on her personal joy and experiences working with the CDSBEO:

*“It is through the leadership and guidance of this committee, our executive council, principals, teachers, education workers, non-teaching professional staff members, and students and their families, that makes high quality education, a reality. From my perspective, feeling valued as a professional, non-teaching member, of the school team is imperative. That is, recognizing and utilizing human resources as a valuable “contributor” to improved outcomes for students with exceptionalities. But most importantly, it is knowing that this contribution, albeit not directly linked to academic instruction, can contribute to bringing students closer to achieving academic success. It is through the leadership and guidance of this committee, our executive council, principals, teachers, education workers, non-teaching professional staff members, and students and their families, that makes high quality education, a reality.”*



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## 7. Association Updates

### **Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield**

#### **Report update:**

- Updated website for agency [www.lanarkcountysupportservices.com](http://www.lanarkcountysupportservices.com)
- Virtual Recruitment Event is being held Tuesday, April 26th, 2022, afternoon and evening, in the hopes of encouraging new graduates to join the organization.

### **Rural FASD Support Network – Rob More**

#### **Report update:**

- The Rural FASD hosted Dana Summers and Carol Kennedy from Quality Standards of Ontario Health who answered questions regarding the new standard on transitioning from child to adult health care services. This standard has great application to educational and developmental services transitions as well. <https://youtu.be/YHWQk0KUOL4>
- We were also joined by LFK PC candidate John Jordan who shared some suggestions on how to get this new standard implemented in our current health care systems.
- The 207-page Environmental Scan Report with Gap Analysis for the counties of Lanark and Leeds-Grenville by Brooklyn Robinson is now finished. We are currently developing the Executive Summary to share with all partnering organizations. We are also exploring the possibility of having all the information added to our local 211 database.
- We have had conversations with 5 different MP's regarding hosting the first FASD Awareness Day on Parliament Hill in September and bringing attention to the need to have a federal strategy on supporting people with FASD.
- We have hired a professional videographer to shoot five videos on the impact FASD has on physical health, mental health, education, adaptive functioning, and attachment using direct lived experience voice from six of our youth.

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

#### **Report update: *nil report***

### **Autism Ontario, East Region – Nicole Taylor**

#### **Report update:**

- With the recent celebration of World Autism Day on April 2, 2022, we continue to see great strides being made towards a more inclusive Ontario for Autism. Many schools are activating Autism Ontario's *Celebrate the Spectrum* theme throughout the month of April.
- We would also like to share with you the release of a report conducted in partnership with Autism Ontario and Laurier Autism Research Consortium of Wilfred-Laurier University titled "Families in Flux: Findings from the 2021 Ontario Autism Caregiver Survey on education, service access and well-being in the context of COVID-19" on World Autism Day:



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<https://www.wlu.ca/news/news-releases/2022/march/laurier-researchers-find-long-wait-times-for-services-and-school-disruptions-weighing-on-ontario-families-of-autistic-children-during-covid-19.html>

- We raised the Autism Ontario flag in Hawkesbury on April 2nd with the mayor and residents near and far who came to show support to the Autism community.  
It was a great opportunity where the local newspapers came to take a picture.
- We have started to look into the Autism Ontario Hawkesbury Pool Program commencing again and will be happy to announce dates next month.
- Some programs that we have done for the month of April are the following:
  - East Region - Creative Movement Program  
Class description:  
Offering an 8-week creative movement program. The program will consist of weekly 30-minute classes for children with Autism ages 8 to 12. Over the course of the program, the creative movement class will encourage children to develop a connection between movement and music, and to develop confidence in movement creativity. Classes will be held every Tuesday at 4 pm, beginning May 3rd, 2022. I hope to see you there!  
Class details:  
Duration: 8 weeks  
Start date: May 3rd, 2022  
Age range: 8-12  
Class duration: 30 - 45 minutes  
Weekly Tuesday classes  
Time: 4 pm  
<https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=6866&reset=1>
- East Region- Virtual Astronomy Experiences - Challenger Mission  
This program will take place for 12 weeks and is on Tuesday Nights @7pm
  - April 19 – Ontario’s Wonderous Night Sky
  - April 26 - Mysterious Moon & Me
  - May 3 – Destination Moon (Challenger Learning Center)
  - May 10 – Extraordinary Eclipses- Shadow Play
  - May 17 - Destination Mars (Challenger Learning Center)
  - May 24 - Planet Parade-Solar System Explorations
  - May 31 – Lifestyles of the Stars
  - June 7 – Aquatic Investigators (Challenger Learning Center)
  - June 14 – Dirt Decoders (Challenger Learning Center)
  - June 21 – Legends & Lore of the Sky
  - June 28 – Nature Rangers (Challenger Learning Center)
  - July 5 - Binoculars, Telescopes, and the Deep Sky



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- July 12 - Voyage through the Universe
  - Additional details:
  - The event is for residents of East Region
  - We request that those who sign up are able to participate as there is a limited number of spaces available.
  - In order to participate in this event, you will need to be able to access the ZOOM platform; a link will be emailed to all registered participants the day before the event.
  - When-April 19th, 2022, 7:00 PM through July 18th, 2022 8:00 PM

<https://www.autismontario.com/civCRM/event/info?id=7112&reset=1>
- Looking to teach your teen some financial literacy skills to set them up for effective money management?
  - Check out this four-part virtual series offered by ConnectWell Community Health!
  - Dates: April 19 & 26 May 3 & 10
  - Time: 7:00-8:30 P.M.
  - To book call: Chelsea 613-257-7121 ext: 3200
  - Or email: [cballinger@connectwell.ca](mailto:cballinger@connectwell.ca)
- Now open to the EAST! Provincial – Virtual Young Adult Dungeons & Dragons Program (age 18+)
  - Young adults on the spectrum (age 18+) are invited to join Autism Ontario for an 8-week virtual Dungeons & Dragons program led by Occupational Therapist, Naomi Hazlett.
  - Skills worked on in this group include: perspective-taking, problem solving, collaboration, and team-work!
  - Please register for this event as spaces are limited.
  - Register here: <https://www.autismontario.com/civCRM/event/info?id=7090>
  - Online: Through Zoom, link will be sent after registration
  - Day and time: Fridays from 6:30-8pm
  - Dates: April 22, 29; May 13, 20, 27; June 3, 10, 17 (2022)

## **Child and Youth Mental Health Services – Natasha Scott**

**Report update:** *nil report*

## **Children’s Aid Society of the United Counties SD&G – Kimberly Gill**

**Report update:**

*(Kimberly Gill submitted a report to be read in her absence, association report presented by Renée Rozon)*

- The Children’s Aid Society is in the final weeks of wrapping up the community stakeholders’ feedback for our new Strategic Plan. We expect to release our new strategic plan in the Fall.



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- Hiring has slowed and we are happy to report a stable workforce with our newest staff completing New Worker Training this spring.
- Triple P Parenting Groups will be resuming this spring with in-person and virtual sessions for all parents in the community who would benefit from parenting support and strategies.
- May 10 – Bear Witness Day
  - Jordan’s Principle ([www.jordansprinciple.ca](http://www.jordansprinciple.ca)) is a child first principle and legal rule named in memory of Jordan River Anderson. It ensures First Nations children receive the services and supports they need when they need them.
  - May 10, 2016, marks the date when Canada was called upon to implement Jordan’s Principle.
  - Education Information and Resources ([www.fncaringsociety.com](http://www.fncaringsociety.com))
    - **Start by reading [Spirit Bear and Children Make History](#) so you can learn more about [Spirit Bear](#) and [Jordan's Principle](#)!** You can download a free version located on the website that is shared.
    - **Take part in watching the film, [Spirit Bear and Children Make History](#).** It will be available to watch on the link [here](#) from May 1 - May 11, 2022. Save the link and come back to watch the film on Vimeo on May 1, 2022.
    - **Learn about the importance of Jordan's Principle** by reading [Spirit Bear's Guide to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action](#)
    - **Watch the documentary [Jordan River Anderson, The Messenger](#)** to learn more about Jordan River Anderson and Jordan's Principle. Available to watch for free through the National Film Board!
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## **Kim Peterson – Member at Large**

**Report update:** *nil report*

## **8. Department Update – Principal of Special Education, Renée Rozon**

- Recently onboarded an additional Itinerant ABLE Worker. CDSBEO currently has 12 ABLE workers; six staff support our ECPP and Turning Points programs and six staff travel throughout the board to support schools through short term placements, typically two weeks. Itinerant Able Workers respond to and support students in crisis. In collaboration with the school special education team and relevant community agency, the ABLE Worker will identify the nature of the crisis, set goals, develop, and implement specific crisis/intervention strategies to de-escalate and stabilize the student so that they can remain or return to their community school.
- We now have a collaboration workspace through Microsoft Teams specifically for teachers of specialized programs to support sharing of best practices. An optional PD session was provided this week to interested teachers.
- The special education department has created an EQAO Tip Sheet for schools regarding accommodations and other important information to ensure students with an IEP have appropriate supports in place when taking this provincial assessment.



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- Collaboration Learning Networks are taking place virtually in all of our schools with a focus on School Improvement Planning. The Special Education Department has worked closely with the Curriculum Department and joins the discussion as school's review their data, celebrate their successes, and identify where gaps in achievement between groups of students may exist and where changes can be made to support all students in our schools.
  - SEA AQ Update, presented by Heather Gerber
    - Once again, with subsidy funding, we were fortunate to be able to offer the Special Education for Administrators course this year. We are proud to announce that there are 35 administrators across the CDSBEO that have successfully completed the course.
    - We look forward to offering this course again next year, dependent on funding.
    - This course provides a great opportunity to enhance advocacy skills, language, and offers a sense of community.
- 9. Report to the Ministry of Education on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services – Section Review:**
- Section 9 - Staff Development
  - Section 11 - Accessibility to School Buildings
  - Section 12 – Transportation
- 10. Correspondence Received**
- Letter from the Upper Grand District School Board,  
Re: Policy/Program Memorandum No. 81, Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings in 2021-22: New Expectations
  - Letter from the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board,  
Re: Concern regarding nursing shortages and the impact on the education sector
  - Letter from York Catholic District School Board  
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  - Letter from the Durham Catholic District School Board,  
Re: Policy/Program Memorandum No. 81, Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings in 2021-22: New Expectations



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**11. Motion to Excuse Regrets:**

Natasha Scott, Child and Youth Mental Health Services - Cornwall Community Hospital  
 Kimberly Gill, Children's Aid Society of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and  
 Glengarry  
 Kim Peterson, Member at Large

Moved by: Nicole Taylor CARRIED

**13. Next SEAC Meeting**

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held  
 virtually on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Topics for Presentations for 2021-2022 school year:

Presentations	Date
<b>Student Re-engagement</b>	Wednesday, Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021
<b>Executive Functioning</b>	Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021
<b>Behaviour Management Systems</b>	Wednesday, Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
<b>Notre Dame Greenhouse Project &amp; CPCO ‘Making a Difference, Trauma-Informed Support’</b>	Wednesday, Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
<b>Human Trafficking</b>	Wednesday, Jan 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>Vision and Hearing</b>	Wednesday, Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022
<b>Student Re-Engagement follow up presentation with Principal Panel</b>	Wednesday, Mar 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2022.
<b>The Joy of Being part of a School Board: From a Staff Perspective</b>	Wednesday, Apr 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>CDSBEO Funding/Staffing</b>	Wednesday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>Report to the Ministry of Education on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services</b>	Monday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>Supporting Exceptional Learners Through Technology</b>	Wednesday, Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2022

**14. Good News Sharing**

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

**15. Closing Prayer**

Principal Rozon led the group in the CDSBEO Board Prayer.

**16. Motion To Adjourn the Meeting**

Moved by: Amanda Banfield CARRIED





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## CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking

	Chair, Trustee	Vice Chair, Lanark County Support Services	Trustee	Rural FASD Support Network	CYMHS -Cornwall Hospital	Family and Children Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville	Member at Large	East Region of Autism Ontario	CAS-SD&G	Total
September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	P	P	P	P	P	x		-	-	5
September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 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	P	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	7
February 23, 2022	P	P	P	P	x	P	x	P	P	7
March 30, 2022	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	9
April 20, 2022	P	P	P	P	x	P	x	P	x	6
May 25, 2022										
June 6, 2022										
August 31, 2022										

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