



# CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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## MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Microsoft Teams – 6:02 p.m. to 7:43 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*

**Kim Peterson**

*Member at Large*

**Nicole Taylor**

*Autism Ontario - East Region*

**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*

### **Guests:**

**Ashley Hutchinson**

*Superintendent of Business and Treasurer*

**Traci Bloomfield**

*Manager of Finance*

**Trudy Scott**

*CUPE*

**Rhonda Peterson**

*CUPE*

**Meghan Jarzyna**

*CSC Representative,  
St. Mary CHS, Brockville*

**Julia Jesmer**

*Principal*

*Pope John Paul II*

**Lorraine Boyer**

*Parent Pope John Paul II, Hammond  
St. Francis Xavier HS, Hammond*

### **Board Resource Staff:**

**Heather Gerber**

*Superintendent of School Effectiveness*

**Renee Rozon**

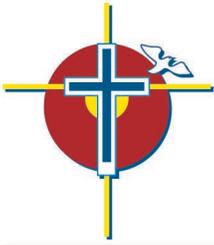
*Principal of Special Education*

**Kariane Schinzel**

*Administrative Assistant to  
Superintendent Gerber*

### **Approved Regrets with notification:**

*n/a*



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## 1. **Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call**

Sue Wilson (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

## 2. **Land Acknowledgment**

Principal Rozon 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 April 20, 2022, Minutes**

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on April 27, 2022, and amended May 25, 2022

### **Motion:**

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Amanda Banfield CARRIED

## 6. **Presentation:** CDSBEO Special Education Funding and Expenditures 2021-2022, presented by Ashley Hutchinson, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer, and Traci Bloomfield, Manager of Finance

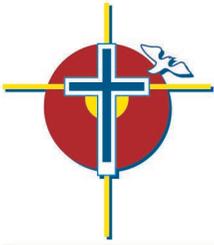
- The presentation outlined the breakdown of the Special Education Funding and expenditures through grants, staffing, professional development, and support services.

## 7. **Association Updates**

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

#### **Report update:**

- Although many restrictions are no longer in effect for much of the province – we are still under Emergency orders until the end of April. This includes but is not limited to masking, physical distancing, cohorting and essential community activities only. Within these restrictions we have been able to begin to return to some of the previously community activities such as job coaching.
- Transition Supports has received an increase of referrals with a focus upon employment supports after graduation and social opportunities with peers. Transitions team members are attending transition planning meetings as the school year closes.
- A need seen in transition planning, further highlighted by the pandemic, is accessing services prior to graduation. This means preparing for graduation and life after high school in a manner similar to preparing for post-secondary education or work. It is thought about when a



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child is in intermediate grades and the discussions increase and further define actionable items specific to the child as they become an adult. By accessing community service providers earlier families can have a more concrete plan for their child and be prepared for adult services.

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

### **Report update:**

- We have secured funding to hire a full-time coordinator and a part-time marketing person with leased office space. Job description is currently being finalized.
- Environmental Scan and Gap analysis report is written and currently going through publishing formatting. Release is expected in the next couple weeks. 40 of 42 organizations stated an increase in FASD awareness and training would be beneficial for their organization.
- Awareness videos led by Youth Accessibility Leader, Shelby De Rose, are being shot in a couple weeks with an expected release of mid-July.
- Multiple conversations have taken place with local MPP candidates involving the importance of Bill 172 and having a provincial strategy
- Planning with 4 MP's on having the first FASD Awareness Day in September at Parliament Hill has begun.
- Presentation by Karen Moore, MA of the Adoption Council of Ontario on Developmental Trauma was well-received this past Saturday.

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

### **Report update:**

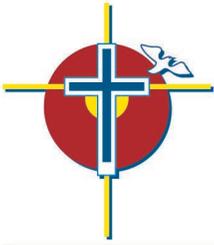
- Administrative Professionals Day was celebrated on April 27th. On this day we formally recognized and thanked our:
  - Administrative assistants, including reception and our executive assistants
  - Finance and Facilities team
  - HR team
  - Special Projects manager
  - IT team
  - Legal team
  - Quality Support team

These folks work tremendously hard, often behind the scenes and under the radar, to support the operations at FCSLLG.

- Summer Job Postings

Summer Support – Social Media: <https://opentext.fcsllg.ca/otcs/cs.exe/app/nodes/3503399>

Summer Support – Camp: <https://opentext.fcsllg.ca/otcs/cs.exe/app/nodes/3503485>

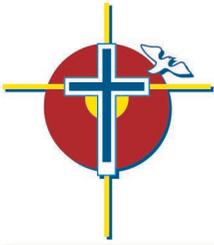


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- Some call it the “Shadow Pandemic”
  - This is a very interesting and informative document from Western University’s Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children. This Issue of their Newsletter discusses Coercive Control and Interpersonal Violence and the impacts on children. There is also a lot of other great information in this. As stated: “Mothers and children are often “co-victims” of coercive control”
  - Link to the Issue: [https://www.vawlearningnetwork.ca/our-work/issuebased\\_newsletters/issue-37/Issue\\_37.pdf](https://www.vawlearningnetwork.ca/our-work/issuebased_newsletters/issue-37/Issue_37.pdf)
- Mental Health Awareness Week-2022
  - Many of us say we’re fine, even when we don’t mean it. Each year, 1 in 5 Canadians will experience a mental illness or mental health issue, but 5 in 5 Canadians have mental health.
  - The theme of this year’s Mental Health Awareness Week was EMPATHY
  - <https://opentext.fcsllg.ca/otcs/cs.exe/app/nodes/3517295>
- Asian Heritage Month
  - The theme for Asian Heritage Month 2022, was “Continuing a Legacy of Greatness”, embodies the myriad of sentiments that peoples of Asian descent in Canada, both past and present, have experienced and honors their contributions and their diverse stories which are rooted in resilience and perseverance.
  - Statement by Minister Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion.  
<https://youtu.be/FWpO01-JfpY>
  - <https://opentext.fcsllg.ca/otcs/cs.exe/app/nodes/3516633>
- May 5th was National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day
  - May 5 was National Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls Awareness Day, a time when the Indigenous community and their allies wear red and gather to remember, honour, and give voice to women whose stories have not been heard. It is a day to remember and honour Indigenous mothers, daughters, aunties, sisters, grandmothers...loved ones... that have been taken. Indigenous communities continue to seek justice for their missing and murdered family members and the oppression that women, girls, and two-spirited individuals continue to experience. The loss of women and their gifts that they carry impacts many generations that follow and the associated trauma is far reaching in many communities.
  - In Canada, there have been 961 reported cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. It is felt that this number is low, and there are many more women and girls who have been victims, that have gone unreported.
  - Indigenous women and girls in Canada represent 16% of all homicides, while constituting only 4% of the population. As a group that has been socially,



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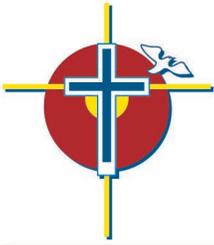
economically, and politically marginalized, Indigenous women have been frequent targets for hatred and violence – underlying factors such as poverty, homelessness contribute to their victimization as do historical factors such as racism, sexism, and colonialism. (Government of Canada).

- The crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls was the subject of a three-year national inquiry, that produced a report and 231 calls for justice in 2019. One of the recommendations was that the Government of Canada produce an Action Plan to address the crisis that continues to be ongoing, and this has not yet happened. The full report of the inquiry can be found here: <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>
- Safe Passage is a website dedicated to telling the full story of the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in Canada. It is an initiative of the Native Women's Association of Canada. <https://safe-passage.ca/>
- In Ontario there was a Provincial Strategy developed that specifically speaks to what the child welfare sector is doing to address this ongoing crisis. Child welfare redesign is a huge priority and focusing on community-based prevention services that are “high quality, culturally appropriate, and truly responsive to the needs of Indigenous children, youth and families” is one of our commitments in the sector. Other commitments include ending hospital birth alerts and changes in legislation to offer specialized supports and services to youth who are victims of human trafficking. The full Provincial Strategy can be found here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/pathways-safety-ontarios-strategy-response-final-report-national-inquiry-missing-and-murdered#section-6>
- We all took the opportunity to pause, reflect and be reminded of the love of the families and communities that grieve for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

## **Autism Ontario, East Region – Nicole Taylor** **Report update:**

This month has been busy at Autism Ontario as we plan for new events and activities.

- We have the release of the assessment on Autism produced by the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences it is a resource that will help inform policies on a national and local level. Link provided for more information:  
<https://cahs-acss.ca/evaluation-sur-lautisme/?lang=fr>  
<https://cahs-acss.ca/autism-assessment/>
- The past month we have focused on how to aid Autistic adults for the upcoming provincial election.



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We have provided a link for those who are interested and thought it was an important educational opportunity:

Provincial Election 2022 | Autism Ontario

<https://www.autismontario.com/programs-services/positive-advocacy-resources/provincial-election-2022>

- Family Dance Nights

Registration is now open for all remaining sessions:

Family Dance Nights: Fusion Dance Fitness – Bollywood Dance Fitness (All Ages)

Virtual dance fitness classes combining easy-to-follow dances, exercises, and Bollywood tunes & rhythms

June 3rd, 2022, 7:00-8:00pm

Register online

<https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=7143>

- Provincial-Family Dance Nights: World of Dance (All Ages)

This 1hr mixed dance class is for the entire family. It will be constructed of a light warmup followed by a mix of music eg. river dancing, country, Latin music, hip-hop etc.. Family music request welcome. see event link for details.

June 21, 2022 6:00-7:00pm

Register online

<https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=7164>

- Reminder to save the date!!

The 3rd annual Flotilla for Autism Awareness. July 23rd (24th Rain Date), 10am start from the Hawkesbury Public Dock & Municipal Slip, conclusion & awards dockside at 3:00pm

Scavenger Hunt on the Ottawa River between L'Original and the Carillon Dam

Hosted by ASD United & benefiting Autism Ontario East Region.

Check out our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/FlotillaForAutism/>

Website [www.RidesForAutism.ca](http://www.RidesForAutism.ca)

Email [RidesForAutism@gmail.com](mailto:RidesForAutism@gmail.com)

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## **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:**

- The Children's Aid Society of SDG is continuing the Send a Kid to Camp campaign this summer by offering one week of day camp or sleepaway camp to children and youth who are



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supported by the Society. The goal is to offer children and youth a camp experience like other children and youth in the community experience and offer parents and caregivers a break.

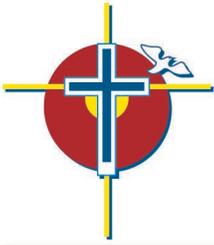
- The Children's Aid Society of SDG is resuming Duty to Report presentations in person to community partners to offer education around the Duty to Report, the change in legislation regarding Child Sex Trafficking regarding Duty to Report and talking more about judgements and biases when making a report to CAS. Please reach out to Kimberly Gill at 613-937-2549 or [kimberly.gill@cwcas.ca](mailto:kimberly.gill@cwcas.ca) to schedule your organizations Duty to Report presentation.
- The Ontario Education Championship Team is hosting a free event in Orleans on June 14, 2022, at La Cite for youth to have an experiential learning experience about the world of Trades. This event is by registration only so if you have a youth in mind who could benefit from this day, please email Kimberly Gill at [kimberly.gill@cwcas.ca](mailto:kimberly.gill@cwcas.ca) for a registration form and/or more information.
- Newly appointed Educational Liaison at the Children's Aid Society of SDG Natalie Cameron has begun her role with us. Natalie is taking over from Valerie Allen who made the decision to fully retire! Natalie, Dianne Gauthier, and Don Lewis will present the JPSA to CAS staff for a better understanding of the protocol and purpose and intent of REACH meetings.

## **Member at Large – Kim Peterson** **Report update:**

- There is a FREE online presentation about “Combating Online Hate in Schools” on June 8th @ 7pm.
  - Description: Empowering all media users to speak up and be a part of the solution. Learn and discuss the issues of digital citizenship the state of online hate and discuss some of the challenges young people face on popular digital platforms. Participants will learn about some of the common symbols and codes used by extremists online, and look at the ways in which anti-Asian, anti-Black and anti-Semitic content has been spread online recently.
  - Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/combating-online-hate-in-schools-tickets-342214120647?aff=ebdsoporgprofile1>

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

- 12 IAWs supporting schools next year; 6 in programs and 6 travelling. This is an increase of .50 from this year.
- Onboarded a Mental Health Lead Strategist who will be working closely with our Mental Health Counsellors and Psychology team to support mental health and wellness in schools.



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- Educational Assistants will be provided with another opportunity for full Behaviour Management System (BMS) training on the upcoming May 27th PD Day. This training is intended for any new hires who have never had prior certification.

## 9. Report to the Ministry of Education on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services – Section Review:

- Section 2 - Programs and Services Model/Special Education Funding
- Section 8 - Special Education Staff
- Section 10 - Equipment
- Section 15 – Special Education Advisory Committee

## 10. New Business

Recommendation to have the following Goals/Priorities be established for the 2022-2023 school year:

- To continue SEAC meetings virtually for the 2022-2023 school year, following the end of this term (November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022).

Recommendation made by: Tom Jordan

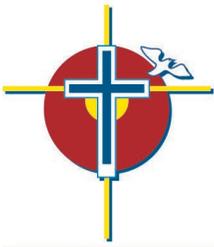
Seconded the recommendation: Rob More      CARRIED

Future presentation recommendation of topics:

- Land Acknowledgments, August 31, 2022
- Supporting Exceptional Learners Through Technology, September 28, 2022
- Transitional Planning, IEP, grade 8 to grade 9, and grade 12 to community, date to be determined
- Kids in Care. date to be determined

## 11. Correspondence Received

- Letter from Superior Greenstone District School Board to Ministry of Education  
Re: Consideration to be given to making Regulation 632/20 a permanent amendment and continuing to allow all meetings to occur virtually.
- Response letter from Ministry of Education to Sue Wilson  
Re: Thank you for the letter regarding virtual learning supports and accessibility for students in rural and northern communities.
- Letter from Near North District School Board to Ministry of Education  
Re: All resources both in-person and on-line should adhere to the concept of universal design and equitable access in order to meet the needs of all students, especially students with special education needs.



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- Letter from Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board to Minister of Health and Minister of Education  
 Re: Concerned with nurse shortages and the proposed amendments to PPM 81 which suggests the delegation of controlled acts to non-regulated education workers in schools.

**12. Motion to Excuse Regrets:**

n/a

**13. Next SEAC Meeting**

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held virtually on **Monday, June 6, 2022**.

*Note: The shortened meeting is set for the Special Education Annual Report review, there will be no association updates or department updates required.*

Topics for Presentations for 2021-2022 school year:

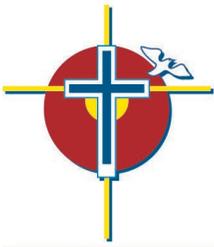
Presentations	Date
<b>Student Re-engagement</b>	Wednesday, Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021
<b>Executive Functioning</b>	Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021
<b>Behaviour Management Systems</b>	Wednesday, Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
<b>Notre Dame Greenhouse Project &amp; CPCO ‘Making a Difference, Trauma-Informed Support’</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>Land Acknowledgement Informative Presentation</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.



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## 16. Motion To Adjourn the Meeting

Moved by: Amanda Banfield CARRIED

### 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	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	9
June 6, 2022										
August 31, 2022										

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