



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 Microsoft Teams – 6:00 p.m. to 7:42p.m.

1. Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

2. Land Acknowledgment

Principal Angela McNamee acknowledged the Land.

3. Opening Prayer

Principal Angela McNamee led the group in opening prayer.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Nicole Taylor CARRIED

5. Receiving June 6, 2022, Minutes

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on June 14, 2022.

Motion:

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Kim Peterson CARRIED

6. Presentation: Creating and Delivering Your Land Acknowledgment Resource

Presentation by: Stephanie Nelson, CDSBEO, Indigenous Cultural Board Advisor

- Key points to use in creating a meaningful land acknowledgment
 - Commitment to land and Indigenous Peoples
 - How can my land acknowledgement be deep and meaningful instead of tokenistic
 - What are my actionable commitments to truth and reconciliation
 - How you became to be here
 - Who are my ancestors
 - Place based research
 - Whose land do you occupy for work/live/play on
 - Research local Indigenous community history
 - What was done to the land's original occupants
 - Increase your treaty awareness
 - Current relationships with land and Indigenous Peoples
 - What has been your relationship with the land and Indigenous Peoples
 - How have you benefitted from our colonial history
 - Awareness of privilege



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7. Association Updates

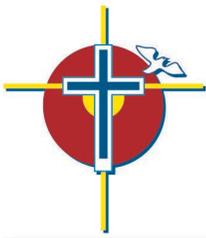
Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield

Report update: n/a

Rural FASD Support Network – Rob More *(not in attendance)*

Report update: *provided via email in August (meeting was cancelled, didn't meet quorum)*

- Rural FASD announced with Trillium that we have received a 4 yr. \$500,000 grant from them to establish an office at 88 Cornelia St Unit A1 in Smiths Falls, hire a full-time program coordinator and a full-time admin assistant/marketing person
- This announcement was done in conjunction with MPP Clark, MPP Jordan and Mayor Peckford of North Grenville at our summer social. Discussion also ensued about having Bill 172 reintroduced at Queen's Park soon.
- Rural FASD is hosting the first ever FASD Awareness Day at Parliament Hill with CanFASD and Scott Reid as our sponsoring MP on Oct 20. Shelby De Rose is being invited to address the parliamentarians along with Senator Ravalia.
- Rural FASD provided training to all Open Doors clinicians on recommended mental health strategies focusing on characteristics, best practices and lived experience
- Rural FASD provided training to all Camp Cherith staff on characteristics and lived experience and funded with Calvary Bible Church - five families to attend camp this summer.
- The Environmental Scan and Gap Analysis report has been published and released. Forty-two organizations from the counties of Lanark and Leeds-Grenville participated in the report. A full directory of all social services in twelve sectors in the two counties has now created and shared throughout all 42 organizations. Key findings include 57% of participating organizations would like further training on supporting people with FASD and another 22% would like a point of contact for consulting and system navigation. Of the 12 sectors, the least served and least amount of FASD awareness is Community Engagement which includes recreation, events and festivals and volunteer opportunities from an inclusive lens.
- Rural FASD has been invited to join the Rideau Hub and the Situation Table as well.



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- Theresa Lalonde-Pankow has been contracted to lead the training module team with support from a certified mental health clinician, a speech-language pathologist, employment counselor, a special education resource educator and four lived experience individuals.

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

Report update: n/a

Autism Ontario, East Region – Nicole Taylor

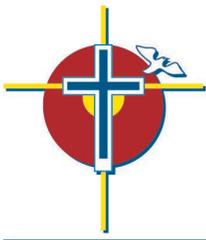
Report update:

- Autism Ontario is eager to support educators during 2022/2023 and we have some new tools and resources developed for this purpose.
- Back to School Tips live on our website for families of autistic children and youth.
<https://www.autismontario.com/news/back-school-helping-your-child-get-ready>
- Some really great learning resources in printable PDF format on our website – educators and families may find these resources to be excellent supports.
<https://www.autismontario.com/programs-services/learning-resources>
- We are back to in-person programming and eager to connect with families in the community. Actively recruiting for local advocates and community schools to put Celebrate the Spectrum on the school calendar as we look to engaging students and educators to participate in World Autism Day on April 2nd.
<http://0k7.c80.myftpupload.com/>

Child and Youth Mental Health Services – Natasha Scott *(not in attendance)*

Report update: *provided via email in August (meeting was cancelled, didn't meet quorum)*

- The Day Treatment Program Morrisburg Public School and Cornwall sites have merged and relocated to Rothwell-Osnabruck School. We have three classrooms: Junior, Senior, and a transition room for clients who are transitioning back to their community schools
- Current wait times for services:
 - Ages 0-3: immediate assignment
 - Ages 4-6: 4 months (assigning from May)
 - Ages 7-18 for standard priority: 7 months (assigning from mid-February)
 - Ages 7-18 for rapid response: generally, within a few weeks
 - Ages 7-18 for urgent: immediate assignment



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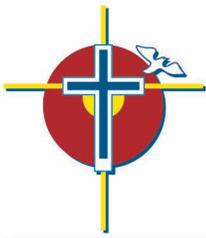
- All CYMHS staff (Day Treatment excluded for now) will have received some level of eating disorder training that is occurring over the next few months. This will help in gaining more knowledge and skills in this area as we continue to see an influx of referrals that list this as a presenting concern.
- All new Day Treatment staff will have been trained completely in SNAP (Stop Now and Plan) by the fall so that the program can continue to run within the Day Treatment program. SNAP is an evidence-based behavioural program that supports children and their parents in effective emotional regulation, self-control, and problem-solving skills.
- Staffing updates: in the process of interviewing for a permanent part-time mental health counsellor position at day treatment; hired a permanent full-time mental health counsellor for our Early Years program (replacement), a temporary full-time mental health counsellor and a permanent full-time addiction and mental health therapist in our core services program (replacement), and a temporary full-time master’s prepared therapist (new position) who will be starting on September 21st.
- We are still in the process of recruiting for a psychologist, no updates at this time.
- Our DBT, Doing Better Together-a dialectical behaviour therapy-based group, is starting in the fall and is currently full.
- Below are the CYMHS staff liaisons to the following CDSBEO schools for the 22-23 academic year for school-based referrals:

• Matthew Bouwhuis	• St. Mary’s Catholic School
• Chantal Woolsey	• St. Mary’s/ St. Cecilia Catholic School

- ECPP Education Community Partnership Program at Bishop Macdonell Catholic School: The mental health counsellor who was the CYMHS liaison for this program left for a temporary CCH position in another department; services will be maintained but temporary changes in the model will be discussed with the ECPP team in September.

September additional note:

- Autism and Mental Health training will be offered in November for two days.



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Children's Aid Society of the United Counties SD&G – Kimberly Gill

Report update: *n/a*

Kim Peterson – Member at Large

Report update: *n/a*

8. Department Update – Principal of Special Education,

- There have been a few staffing changes to the department. The Special Education Department is looking forward to working with our community partners and agencies as well as our Special Education school teams to ensure a successful year for our most vulnerable students. We are excited to welcome back Kara Casey back as our psych associate, Kelly Dorion as a Psych Ed Consultant, and Brittnee Starblanket as our Psychologist in Supervised Practice. We also welcome Veronica Proulx-Pilon an elementary Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor for the Western Region. Our Occupational Therapist, Janet Carioni, has resigned, and we are looking for a replacement.
- Our BCCs (Behaviour Crisis Consultants) are now called SCLCs (Student and Community Liaison Consultants) and Pam Dunk is the Student and Community Liaison Coordinator.
- Summer Learning Program: there were 376 students enrolled in 30 primary junior classes during the month of July. 110 students had IEPs and were supported by 30 Educational Assistants. The program focussed on literacy and math, which allowed students the opportunity to bridge their learning with additional small and whole group tasks by using a differentiated instruction.
- Our Summer Transition Program took place last week in two CDSBEO schools to support the return to in class learning for students in special education programs. Activities that took place included practicing daily routines, such as arrival, washroom, recess, lunch, and departure procedures. Students had opportunities to walk around their schools and practice fire procedures. They also had the opportunity to participate in social-emotional lessons, reinforce skills, and complete language and math activities.
- The annual Learning Fair for educators took place on August 30th amid a variety of Curriculum based workshops. The Special Education Department offered workshops for understanding hearing loss and vision loss. Other workshops which were well attended and directly related to special education focussed on self-care and school mental health resources for students.



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- PD Days: during the PD days staff will be introduced to the recommendations of the Ontario Human Right's commission's The Right to Read inquiry and what it means for the CDSBEO. One of the most impactful recommendations of the Right to Read is that all students will benefit from a structured approach to literacy. The SLP team walked educators through a lesson plan following a structured literacy approach. CDSBEO continues to work toward a structured literacy approach in all classrooms.
- Our schools' special education teams have been busy participating in new SERT professional development as well as All SERT training on the Special Education module in ASPEN-CDSBEO's digital student record system. Our special education consultants are also facilitating before and after school IEP writing support for our school SERTs.
- The entire special education department's professionals have been in schools supporting successful transitions for our students.

9. New Business

- Introduction of Principal of Special Education
- Final meeting of Present SEAC membership, October 26, 2022
- New 4 Year Term of office for SEAC membership November 30th, 2022
- New Membership
 - Natalie Cameron – official application to join CDSBEO's SEAC as a representative from the Children's Aid Society of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (CAS SDG)
Moved by: Tom Jordan CARRIED
 - Tom Jordan – official application to join CDSBEO's SEAC as a representative from Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville with Cathie Knapp Fisher as the alternate representative
Moved by: Amanda Banfield CARRIED
 - Nicole Taylor – official application to join CDSBEO's SEAC as a representative from Autism Ontario, East Region
Moved by: Amanda Banfield CARRIED
- The CDSBEO SEAC to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to appoint Natalie Cameron as a representative from the Children's Aid Society of the United Counties of SDG, Tom Jordan as a representative and Cathy Knapp Fisher as the alternate from Family and Children's Services of LLG, and Nicole Taylor as a representative from Autism Ontario, East Region, to join SEAC for the next four-year term.
- SEAC collaborated in the communication form to be submitted to the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE)



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- Update from Special Education Department on the request for membership/alternate for the new term of office, letters requested as soon as possible

10. Correspondence Received

- Letter from Upper Canada DSB – Concern regarding revisions to PPM 81
- Letter from Autism Ontario – Response to PPM-81 Draft for Consultation

11. Motion to Excuse Regrets:

Rob More, Rural FASD Support Network
 Kimberly Gill, Children's Aid Society of the United Counties of SDG
 Natasha Scott, Child, and Youth Mental Health Services – Cornwall Community Hospital

Moved by: Karen McAllister CARRIED

13. Next SEAC Meeting

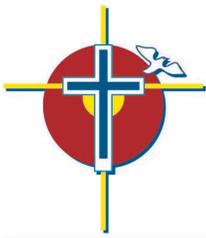
The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 26th, 2022

Topics for Presentations for 2022-20232 school year:

Presentations	Date
Land Acknowledgement Informative Presentation	Wednesday, Sept 28, 2022
Supporting Exceptional Learners Through Technology	Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022
Transitional Planning, IEP, Grade 8 to Grade 9, and Grade 12 to Community	<i>date to be determined</i>
Kids in Care	<i>date to be determined</i>

14. Good News Sharing

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



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15. Closing Prayer

Principal McNamee led the group in the CDSBEO Board Prayer.

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
August 31, 2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x
September 28, 2022	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	P	x	6
October 26 th , 2022										
November 30, 2022, meeting #1										
November 30, 2022 Meeting #2										
January 25, 2023										
February 22, 2023										
March 29, 2023										
Tues., April 25, 2023										
May 31, 2023										
June 5, 2023										

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