



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 25th, 2019

Board Office, Kemptville

6:00 p.m.

Present:

SEAC Members:

Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee
Amanda Banfield (Vice Chair), Lanark
County Support Services
Lorraine Boyer, Member-at-Large
Fran Brauneisen, Association for Community
Living
Karen Moore, Open Doors for Lanark
Children and Youth
Deena Shorkey, Cornwall Community
Hospital
Rob More, Rural FASD Support Network

Board Resource Staff:

Norma McDonald, Superintendent of School
Effectiveness
Heather Gerber, Principal of Special Education
Heather Bovey, Coordinator of Special
Education

Approved Regrets with notification:

Karen McAllister, Trustee
Shelley More, Rural FASD Support Network
(Alternate)

Guests:

Julia Jesmer, Principal, Pope John Paul II
Catholic School, Hammond
Kathleen Panela-Seguin, FASD Worker,
Prescott-Russell
Rhonda Peterson, CUPE

Meeting Called to Order

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

Opening Prayer

Heather Gerber led the group in a prayer entitled, *“Heavenly Father, Almighty God, Lord God, Most High”*.

I. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Amanda Banfield

CARRIED

II. Sharing August 28th, 2019 Minutes

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on September 6th, 2019.

Motion:

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Rob More

CARRIED

III. Association Updates

Association for Community Living – Fran Brauneisen

No update at this time.

Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield

- Lanark County Support Services are pleased to report that they passed the audit from the Ministry.
- The café is doing well and is offering its first official practicum.
- The monthly meeting on October 23rd, 2019 will take place in Franktown and a lawyer will speak on wills and benefits.
- Renovations have started at the Carleton Place site.
- Agency members have been trained in core gift training.
- Lanark County Support Services received their budget from the Ministry and there were no changes.

Rural FASD Support Network – Rob More

Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

- October 19th, 2019 – Calvary Bible Church, Smiths Falls, 10:30 a.m. – Jayne Stoddard, SunLife Financial Advisor
- September 26th, 2019 – Renfrew FASD Support Group launch, 6:30 p.m.
- October 8th, 2019 – Lanark-Leeds-Grenville FASD Fall Forum, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Hanley Hall, Smiths Falls

New Initiatives:

- Megan Van Allen, the new Lanark FASD worker for Kids Inclusive has started.
- Twenty-eight people from the group spent an overnight camping trip at Providence Point, a FASD informed camp on August 29-30, 2019.
- Minister Steve Clark tweeted a thank you to us on September 9th FASD Awareness Day.

Other Information:

- Six new members have joined and two new service providers including Christine Lapeer, an O.P.P. Mental Health Nurse.

Kathleen Panela-Seguin, FASD Worker, Prescott-Russell

- FASD walk took place on September 8th, 2019.
- Collecting names of those interested in attending the Symposium on October 8th, 2019 in Smiths Falls.
- Presenting to the O.P.P. in the future.

Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth – Karen Moore

- New funding has been announced for a half-time walk in service counsellor.
- Counsellors are working in schools in Lanark County.

Cornwall Community Hospital – Deena Shorkey

- The Cornwall Community Hospital received their budget from the Ministry with no cuts.
- Accreditation: 99.3% met required mental health goals. Patients and clients talked about the welcoming environment and culture.
- The hospital will be hiring someone to do walk-ins.
- The wait list has been reduced from 210 to 43.
- A toddler pathway will be established to work with Moms at risk and to work with partners in the community to support Moms and babies.

IV. Department Update

Special Education Consultants are working with the Curriculum Consultants and family of schools to support IEP goals in mathematics.

On the September 27th PA Day, departments are gathering together to celebrate our Faith. The focus will be on faith development, well-being and implementing the Board theme. Individual teams will be meeting in the afternoon.

Members of the multi-disciplinary team and the Mental Health & Addiction Professionals attended the Eventbrite conference. Kim Barthel was outstanding in her teaching of trauma.

Janet Carioni, Occupational Therapist is presenting at the FASD Symposium on October 8th, 2019 at Hanley Hall, in Smiths Falls.

Autism Ontario will be presenting at St. Matthew Catholic Secondary School, in Cornwall, on October 17th, 2019 from 6-8pm.

Two more special education staff have been trained to deliver Behaviour Management System (BMS) training to our staff. BMS is a gold standard prevention and accredited training system for teachers and education workers. It provides leadership, training and support in the effective management of behaviour in schools. BMS understands that successfully managing

behaviour results in safe and secure learning environments – evidenced by fewer conflicts and reduced need for physical interventions and discipline. Educators who experience BMS training will possess a greater level of expertise in the management of both every day and critical incident behaviour. It was developed by Ontario professionals and is fully compliant with provincial laws and successful intervention strategies. BMS is currently used by over 85% of Ontario school boards in the English and French sectors.

Heather Gerber is sitting at the Cornwall Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Situation Table. It consists of various community partners which include school boards, the police, the Children’s Aid Society, the Cornwall Community Hospital and the Canadian Mental Health Association, who meet and work together to reduce the imminent risk of harm, usually within 24 to 48 hours. The Situation Table remains involved in the case until the level of risk has been reduced. Most situations that come to the Table concern a single individual, a family, or a group of people that are affected by multiple risk factors, including mental health issues, domestic conflict, addictions and homelessness. The CSDG Situation Table works to mitigate the risks rather than wait for a harmful incident that would require an emergency response, all while protecting the privacy of the people being assisted.

CDSBEO is pleased to announce that four additional Educational Assistants have been hired to support the schools.

Superintendent McDonald shared that IEPs can be developed with or without a formal assessment. Either the school or a parent can request an IEP when there is a need. The Special Education teacher and the classroom teacher work together to create the IEP. It is then sent home for parental input and signature. The IEP is a fluid document that can be updated as small achievable goals are met. When an assessment has been completed and shared with the school, the school team begins the process of creating the IEP as soon as possible. An initial IPRC meeting is scheduled with parents and the school team. After the initial IPRC, an IPRC meeting takes place once each school year or when there is change in placement.

Thanks to Karen Moore and Kevin Clouthier who will be presenting to St. Luke Catholic High School, Smiths Falls on “*Trauma Informed Schools*” and will provide strategies for teachers.

V. Presentation: PJP Partners Program

Julia Jesmer, Principal, Pope John Paul II Catholic School, Hammond discussed the referral process and reasons why students come into the partners program. The SHINE document was highlighted to explain to SEAC that many strategies and interventions work for Tier 1 and Tier 2 students, but the students who are accepted into the partners program have not had the same success with the standard interventions and often come from extenuating circumstances, so are considered Tier 3 students. On occasion students from outside our Board are welcomed into the program.

Julia explained that the primary need for these students is not academic, but that their social and emotional needs are a priority. The program works along with community agencies to

ensure that students develop the coping strategies needed to function in a regular class setting. She described this as “*filling their knapsack with strategies*”.

Data collection is an integral part of the program so that staff and students can see their growth and adjust strategies as needed. When students are ready, they begin to integrate at the site to prepare them for eventual transition back to their home school. Some strategies used include; visual schedules, consistent language, explicit expectations, flexible seating, role playing and modelling, Zones of Regulation and sensory tools.

A comprehensive transition plan is developed for each student so that they can be successful when returning to their home school.

VI. New Business

No new business items to report.

VII. Motion to Excuse Regrets Received

Motion:

Motion to excuse Karen McAllister, Trustee and Shelley More, Rural FASD Support Network (Alternate).

Moved by: Rob More

CARRIED

VIII. Next SEAC Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 30th, 2019 at the Board Office, Kemptonville, starting at 6:00 p.m.

IX. Good News Sharing

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

X. Closing Prayer

Heather Gerber led the group in the CDSBEO Board Prayer.

XI. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Moved by: Amanda Banfield

CARRIED

CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking

	Trustee / Chair	Trustee	Assoc. for Community Living	Rural FASD Support Network	Lanark County Support Services	Member at Large – LB	Cornwall Community Hospital	Open Doors	Total
August	P	P	P	P	P		P		6
September	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	7
October									
November									
January									
February									
March									
April									
May									
June									

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