



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 30th, 2019

Board Office, Kemptville

6:00 p.m.

Present:

SEAC Members:

Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee
Amanda Banfield (Vice Chair), Lanark
County Support Services
Karen McAllister, Trustee
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
Shelley More, Rural FASD Support Network
(Alternate)

Board Resource Staff:

Heather Gerber, Principal of Special Education
Heather Bovey, Coordinator of Special
Education

Approved Regrets with notification:

Norma McDonald, Superintendent of School
Effectiveness
Lorraine Boyer, Member-at-Large

Guests:

Bonnie Norton, Associate Director, CDSBEO
Ashley Hutchinson, Manager of Finance

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, "*Giving Thanks*".

I. Approval of Agenda

That the order of the agenda be amended.

Moved by: Karen Moore

CARRIED

II. Presentation: Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario (STEO) by Bonnie Norton and Heather Gerber

Some potential obstacles for students riding the regular school bus are; over-stimulated, temperature control, people are too close together, too loud, too bright, ride is too long and safety, as some students need to be buckled in. Requests for Special Needs Transportation are through Request Manager and are completed by the school principal. An annual review of the child's needs has better informed the board to make decisions around special transportation. The goal of CDSBEO is to eventually transition students to the regular school bus when they are ready. School teams work with families to provide the right accommodations on the regular bus so that students are successful.

The Special Education Funding Categories were explained to SEAC. These include; Special Education Per Pupil Amount (SEPPA), Differentiated Special Education High Needs Amount (DSENA), Special Equipment Amount (SEA), Special Incidence Portion (SIP), Facilities Amount (FA) and Behavioural Expertise Amount (BEA). The Special Education Department was acknowledged for their hard work in generating qualifying SIP files. The total funds applied to Special Education for 2019-20 is \$23,783,746.

Special Education Transportation is not paid for by the Special Education Envelope. The cost of transportation has increased significantly due to a recent arbitrated order on rates that affected costs back to 2016-2017. STEO receives information about the needs of the student for special transportation, sets the routes accordingly and makes decisions around the most efficient use of the vehicle. The number of students requiring Special Education Transportation has decreased from 2016-17 to 2018-19.

III. Sharing September 25th, 2019 Minutes

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on October 4th, 2019.

Motion:

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Shelley More

CARRIED

IV. Association Updates

Association for Community Living – Fran Brauneisen

- Community Living North Grenville (CLNG) and the Brockville and Area Community Living Association (BACLA) entered into a shared leadership arrangement. This merger has started off well. One of the goals of the Executive Director is to connect with the local schools in Brockville the same way we have a good working relationship with the secondary schools in Kemptville.
- The affordable housing project that CLNG is participating in is moving forward. Final approval was granted in September. Shovels hit the ground immediately afterward. They are ready to pour concrete now. The completed project will offer eleven two-bedroom units.
- Ladies Night is set for November 15th, 2019. It will be held at the Municipal Centre starting at 6pm. A light supper is provided, followed by a fashion show. Vendors will be on hand and a purse auction will take place. It will be a pleasant evening with good company and good conversation.

Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield

There have been many fun Fall activities offered including wagon rides for families. The Gathering Grounds will begin holding Ladies Nights with Karaoke and Latte sipping. In the Winter they will begin hosting Men's Nights.

Rural FASD Support Network – Rob More

Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

- November 16th, 2019 Calvary Bible Church, Smiths Falls, 10:30 a.m. – Kim Bennett, SLP
- November 2nd, 2019 – 3rd Annual Eastern Ontario FASD Symposium, Carleton University
- October 8th, 2019 – FASD Symposium – Janet Carioni presented and was well received

New Initiatives:

- New research study on the effectiveness of didactic psychotherapy for individuals with FASD.
- Open Doors opening-up employee availability within the country.
- Kids Inclusive changing their model of service delivery.

Other Information:

- Eleven children attended the past meeting. Enrolment at St. Luke CHS, Smiths Falls may continue to rise. Invitations for MPP's are printed and being distributed for February 24th, 2020.

Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth – Karen Moore

- The Alberta Family Wellness website is offering free training (Brain Lab) on brain development, childhood experience and the link to addictions in response to trauma.
- All the staff have taken the training and are now Brain Story certified. The training includes Canadian data, resources and videos to use with children and families.

- A contest was held to come and celebrate Mac's Birthday. He now has his own email, business cards and will soon be writing his own blog.
- Two new Psychotherapists have been hired who have occupational therapy training. Music therapy will also be offered in the short-term and staff will be learning to incorporate some of these strategies during therapy as well.

Cornwall Community Hospital – Deena Shorkey

- A ribbon cutting took place for the Resource Centre at the hospital for caregivers of children with mental health or addictions. This facility is staffed by people with lived experience and provides information and a place to connect with others.
- The Youth Wellness Hub has had a positive response. Youth Justice, Job Zone, Addictions and Children's Mental Health are coming together to support the hub. It will be open five days a week and will be staffed on weekends by peers. It will open January 6th, 2020 in Cornwall.

V. Department Update

The October 25th Professional Activity Day was a huge success. After welcome and prayer in the morning, Itinerant ABLE Workers and Student Support Workers met to share ideas, learn from each other and reflect on their role. The Educational Assistants (all day) and the IAWs/SSWs (in the afternoon), had the opportunity to choose their learning path. Breakout sessions were offered on FASD, Assistive Technology, Math, Make and Take, and Behaviour Management Systems (BMS) training. The Curriculum Math Consultants lead the session on math, and it was well received. Janet Carioni provided training to 65 participants in the afternoon on FASD. Pat Cole and Sandy O'Doherty guided participants to create visuals for the students they work with. Jenn Brown and Margaret McKenna lead the group in using AREO and Read & Write to support students in the class with reading and writing through technology. BMS was led by Jeff Goodfellow and Cindy Scott. The feedback was positive and will help to guide our next steps for PD.

Formerly Section 23 programs who became known as Care, Treatment, Custody and Corrections (CTCC) will now be referred to as "Care and Treatment" programs.

The French Consultants met with the Special Education Consultants this week to discuss how students with special needs can be supported through an IEP in the French program.

The second CRIS meeting is taking place November 8th. Departments will gather to inform each other what is happening and how we can support each other. Janet Carioni will be speaking on FASD and trauma.

On November 12th secondary SERTS and MEP Teachers will travel to Kemptville for a day of learning.

The FASD Symposium held at Hanley Hall, in Smiths Falls with Janet Carioni as guest speaker, was a great success.

Interviews will take place October 31st to hire a new ABA expert.

VI. New Business

No items to table.

VII. Correspondence Received

- Association Response to our Invitation to sit on our SEAC – Hydrocephalus Canada
- Email from Kathleen Panela-Seguin re SEAC Representation

VIII. Motion to Excuse Regrets Received

Motion:

Motion to excuse Lorraine Boyer, Member-at-Large and Norma McDonald, Superintendent of School Effectiveness

Moved by: Fran Brauneisen

CARRIED

IX. Next SEAC Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 27th, 2019 (double meeting) at the Board Office, Kemptville, starting at 6:00 p.m.

X. Good News Sharing

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

XI. Closing Prayer

Heather Gerber led the group in the CDSBEO Board Prayer.

XII. 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	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	7
November (double meeting)									
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)*