



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 27th, 2019 – Meeting #2

Board Office, Kemptville

7:00 p.m.

Present:

SEAC Members:

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

Approved Regrets with notification:

Deena Shorkey, Cornwall Community
Hospital
Shelley More, Rural FASD Support Network
(Alternate)

Board Resource Staff:

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

Guests:

Rhonda Peterson, CUPE
Valerie Winn-Paul, Parent, St. Joseph Catholic
School, Gananoque (via phone)

Meeting Called to Order

Sue Wilson (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests.

I. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Lorraine Boyer

CARRIED

II. Presentation: Guidelines for Safe School Interventions – Legislation, range of suspensions, expulsions and the impact on students with special needs.

Norma McDonald, Heather Gerber and Heather Bovey presented on the Guidelines for Safe School Interventions. Information was shared on Zero tolerance and how the Ministry has moved to the Creating Safe and Accepting Schools polices. Various reports were described and are dependent on what type of incident has taken place. Activities for which suspension must be considered by the principal were shared.

It was stated that CDSBEO has not expelled any students in the last 10 years. Factors impacting the consideration of suspension/expulsion can include special education needs, progressive discipline and any defined antecedents. We respond to incidents by using progressive discipline, restorative practices and using proactive strategies to prevent inappropriate behaviour for happening. Alternative programs such as ABLE, Turning Points, MEP, Care and Treatment and specialized schools (St. Luke CHS and St. Matthew CSS) can also be considered.

The Board bully prevention model describes various programs that are used to prevent challenging behaviour in CDSBEO schools. Some of these initiatives include Roots of Empathy, Restorative Surveys, WITS, class profiles and mental health. Highlights of the SHINE magazine provide a framework of proactive strategies and techniques for understanding and managing students in the classroom.

Behaviour Management Systems (BMS) is a program that teaches staff how to deal with students who are escalating in behaviour and how to protect themselves from aggressive behaviour. The four phases are cyclical, and emphasis was put on the importance of debriefing.

Finally, data on the rate of suspensions was presented to SEAC. The Board will continue to focus on prevention and supporting students who are struggling.

III. New Business

- The presentation topic for the SEAC meeting on February 26th, 2020 will be After School Social Skills Programs.

IV. Correspondence Received

- Email of interest re Autism Ontario Rep
- Email from parent who would like to call in and join SEAC meetings

V. Motion to Excuse Regrets Received

Motion:

Motion to excuse Deena Shorkey, Cornwall Community Hospital and Shelley More, Rural FASD Support Network (Alternate).

Moved by: Rob More

CARRIED

VI. Next SEAC Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 29th, 2020 at the Board Office, Kemptville, starting at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Good News Sharing

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

VIII. Closing Prayer

Heather Gerber led the group in the CDSBEO Board Prayer.

IX. 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 – Meeting #1	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	7
November – Meeting #2	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	7
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)*