



# CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO



## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Board Office, Kemptville

6:00 p.m.

### **Present:**

#### **SEAC Members:**

Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee  
Karen McAllister, Trustee  
Fran Brauneisen, Association for Community  
Living  
Amanda Banfield, Lanark County Support  
Services  
Heather Brown, Best Buddies  
Lorraine Boyer, Member-at-Large  
Rob More, LLG FASD Working Group  
Shelley More, LLG FASD Working Group  
(Alternate)  
Filipa Saraiva, Easter Seals Ontario (Alternate)

#### **Board Resource Staff:**

Heather Gerber, Principal of Special Education  
Heather Bovey, Coordinator of Special  
Education  
Angela McNamee, Special Education  
Consultant

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

Dave Connors (Vice Chair), Autism Ontario  
Diane Bartlett, Easter Seals Ontario  
Donaleen Hawes, Superintendent of School  
Effectiveness

#### **Guests:**

Rhonda Peterson, CUPE  
Megan Jarzyna, Parent – St. John Bosco  
Catholic School, Brockville

### **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, “*O God our Father*”.

**I. Approval of Amended Agenda**

Moved by: Heather Brown

CARRIED

**II. Approval of Minutes – September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Motion:**

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Amanda Banfield

CARRIED

**III. Association Updates**

**Association for Community Living – Fran Brauneisen**

No update at this time.

**Best Buddies – Heather Brown**

Schools are starting initial activities for Best Buddies.

Head Office is preparing conferences to take place November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Hintonburg location, in Ottawa.

**Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield**

The transition of the Y's Owl Café to Lanark County Support Services is continuing.

A workshop was held this evening for parents on housing options.

**Easter Seals Ontario – Filipa Saraiva** (Alternate)

Filipa shared the following information:

- Easter Seals Ontario is continuing with nominations and recruitment to find representatives to sit on SEAC.
- Special Needs Strategy website has closed.
- Easter Seals Ontario is making suggestions to the Ministry through the public consultation on-line survey regarding questions about job skills, testing, life skills, STEM, inclusion in physical education, mental health, sexual health and cannabis education.

**Lanark Leeds Grenville FASD Working Group – Rob More**

Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

- Eastern Ontario FASD Symposium – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, Wabano Centre
- Kingston PAG – November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Rural FASD Support Group – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Calvary Bible Church, 15 Beech Street, Smiths Falls, ON

New Initiatives:

- Rural FASD Support Network has submitted applications for support group, education, awareness and children event funding for Health Nexus.
- New Provincial FASD website will launch November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at the FASD Symposium.
- Non-profit application for Rural FASD Support Network has begun with expert advice from several sources.
- Province of Ontario is receiving public consultation on education.  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>

Other Information:

- Rural FASD Support Group currently sits at 40+ members.
- FASD Workgroup has increased by four service providers and meets next week.
- OCSB is running their first FASD Workshop in February 2019 and likely is getting a FASD SEAC rep.

#### **IV. Department Update**

- CDSBEO hosted support staff on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael Catholic High School. Staff had the opportunity to be trained in BMS, FASD, Sensory Strategies, Proactive Strategies and Data Collection. The BMS refresher course runs every two years.
- We have now secured more Lexia licenses so that all schools will have access to the reading program.
- During CDSBEO week, the Special Education Department participated in numerous activities including meeting to have a team breakfast together. Two breakfasts were held; one in Cornwall, and one in Kemptville.
- Special Education Consultants are supporting students in math by referring teachers to the information and strategies in the Mathematical Learning for All magazine.

#### **V. Presentation: Mathematical Learning for ALL magazine**

The overall model of Mathematical Learning for All was shared. Each section was supported with pictures and videos of students talking about and doing math. The math processes video featured students at Mother Teresa Catholic School, in Russell taking part in an integrated math day. A video from Holy Name of Mary Catholic School, in Almonte demonstrated how the use of flexible seating, manipulatives, non-permanent surfaces and students working together allows for students to think deeper about the math they are doing. Finally, students shared their thoughts about growth mindset and how their teacher encourages them to have a growth mindset in mathematics.

Sue Wilson thanked Angela McNamee and the Special Education Department for their hard work on the magazine and how it will help staff and students.

## VI. New Business

- A letter was submitted to SEAC from Lanark County Support Services appointing Amanda Banfield as representative of Lanark County Support Services beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Motion:

To appoint Amanda Banfield as representative of Lanark County Support Services beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Moved by: Heather Brown

CARRIED

- A letter was submitted to SEAC from Lorraine Boyer asking if she could stand as Member-at-Large beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Motion:

To appoint Lorraine Boyer as Member-at-Large beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Moved by: Fran Brauneisen

CARRIED

- Rob and Shelley More were appointed members representing LLG FASD Working Group and were congratulated by Sue Wilson. They will receive a letter from John Cameron, Director of Education.
- A letter was submitted from Easter Seals Ontario identifying that Diane Bartlett will not be returning to SEAC for the balance of this term and will not be representing Easter Seals Ontario going forward. Dr. Hawes has been in touch with Easter Seals Ontario to ask for names of representatives to be sent forward.
- CDSBEO has sent emails out to organizations to ask for representatives to sit on SEAC. Heather Brown requested that a letter be sent to Big Brothers Big Sisters. Principals and Catholic School Councils have also been asked for names. Employees of the Board cannot be a SEAC representative.
- Ministry of Education public consultation is taking place on the seven priorities over the next four years.
- Rob More was wondering about SEAC making a submission about the seven topics to be discussed. Sue Wilson clarified that SEAC makes recommendations to the Board and then the Board would take considerations and forward them to the Ministry. It was recommended to have a sub-committee to form around this submission. Rob More will send out the seven recommendations. Amanda Banfield, Rob More and Filipa Saraiva volunteered to be on the subcommittee to meet with Dr. Hawes on this submission.

**VII. Correspondence Received**

Letter from Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington CDSB to the Minister of Education re Auditor General of Ontario's Annual Report, 2017

**VIII. Motion to Excuse Regrets Received**

**Motion:**

Motion to excuse Dave Conners (Vice Chair), Autism Ontario, Diane Bartlett, Easter Seals Ontario and Donaleen Hawes, Superintendent of School Effectiveness.

Moved by: Amanda Banfield

CARRIED

**IX. Next SEAC Meeting**

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be a double meeting and will be held on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Board Office, in 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**

Sue Wilson led the group in the Board prayer.

**XII. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

Moved by: Lorraine Boyer

CARRIED

**CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking**

|                       | Trustee / Chair | Trustee | VOICE<br>*not returning this term | Assoc. for Community Living | Autism Ontario | Best Buddies | ABC<br>*not returning this term | FASD | Easter Seals – Ontario | Lanark County Support Services | Member at Large - LB | Total    |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| August (cancelled)    |                 |         |                                   |                             |                |              |                                 |      |                        |                                |                      | <b>0</b> |
| September             | P               | P       |                                   | P                           | P              | P            |                                 | P    |                        | P                              | P                    | <b>8</b> |
| October               | P               | P       |                                   | P                           |                | P            |                                 | P    | P                      | P                              | P                    | <b>8</b> |
| November – Meeting #1 |                 |         |                                   |                             |                |              |                                 |      |                        |                                |                      |          |
| November – Meeting #2 |                 |         |                                   |                             |                |              |                                 |      |                        |                                |                      |          |
| January               |                 |         |                                   |                             |                |              |                                 |      |                        |                                |                      |          |
| February              |                 |         |                                   |                             |                |              |                                 |      |                        |                                |                      |          |
| March                 |                 |         |                                   |                             |                |              |                                 |      |                        |                                |                      |          |
| April                 |                 |         |                                   |                             |                |              |                                 |      |                        |                                |                      |          |
| May                   |                 |         |                                   |                             |                |              |                                 |      |                        |                                |                      |          |
| June                  |                 |         |                                   |                             |                |              |                                 |      |                        |                                |                      |          |

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