



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018

Board Office, Kemptville

6:00 p.m.

Present:

SEAC Members:

Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee
Dave Conners (Vice Chair), Autism Ontario
Karen McAllister, Trustee
Fran Brauneisen, Association for Community Living
Amanda Banfield, Lanark County Support Services
Lorraine Boyer, Member-at-Large
Rob More, LLG FASD Working Group

Board Resource Staff:

Donaleen Hawes, Superintendent of School Effectiveness
Heather Gerber, Principal of Special Education
Heather Bovey, Coordinator of Special Education

Approved Regrets with notification:

Heather Brown, Best Buddies
Lorraine Fenn, Member-at-Large
Shelley More, LLG FASD Working Group (Alternate)

Guests:

Rhonda Peterson, CUPE

Regrets without notification:

Diane Bartlett, Easter Seals Ontario
Christina Nichols, Association for Bright Children of Ontario
James Borer, VOICE

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, "*A Prayer for Understanding*".

I. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Lorraine Boyer

CARRIED

II. Approval of Minutes – April 18th, 2018

SEAC minutes were electronically approved on May 2nd, 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

Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

Just beginning to plan for the 2018 fall conferences! Stay tuned.

New Initiatives:

School chapters in the CDSBEO are starting to wind down group activities for the school year with fun events.

Best Buddies head office will be hosting the 12th Annual Thrill of Ascot, in Toronto, in early June. This is one of Best Buddies Canada's main fundraisers to help raise funds to support out program across Canada. For more information, please visit <http://bestbuddies.ca/thrill-of-ascot-2018/>.

Other Information:

At Head Office, there are three new summer students working over the summer; two in Toronto, and one in Montreal.

Autism Ontario – Dave Conners

Water safety program will be set up over the summer out of the NAV Centre, in Cornwall. The water safety program will be for high needs individuals and they will receive one to one support.

Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield

Funding for family support will be available. More details to follow.

Easter Seals – Ontario – Diane Bartlett

Blog postings – These are the new Blogs posted in the last month:

- [Special Needs Strategy Update](#)
- [Preparing for Transition to High School](#)
- [Canadian Jump Starts Charity – Play Finds a Way](#)

Submission on New Vision for Student Transportation

Easter Seals Ontario submitted a response to the Ministry of Education consultation on student bussing. A copy of the submission is available upon request.

Provincial Election

The date for the provincial election is set as June 7th, 2018. Easter Seals Ontario is developing an Election Kit that highlights the key concerns of Easter Seals families and provides some sample questions to ask candidates at All Candidate meetings or when they knock at the door. A copy of the Election Kit is available upon request as soon as it is ready.

Special Needs Strategy

The Ministries added updates on the Special Needs Strategy Website in March. Key information includes:

- **Developmental Surveillance** for Early Identification of children with special needs
- **Coordinated Service Planning**
- **Integration of Rehabilitation Services**

For a summary of the new information, check the Easter Seals Kids at School Blog:

- [Special Needs Strategy Update](#)

Lanark Leeds Grenville FASD Working Group – Rob More

Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

Citizen Advocacy announced November 2nd, 3rd, 2018 as the date for their 2nd annual FASD Symposium, in Ottawa. More details to come with Dr. Brenda Knight, Neuropsychologist as the keynote speaker.

The Rural FASD Support Network has announced September 15th, 2018 at 10:30 a.m., at Calvary Bible Church, in Smiths Falls (right behind St. James School) as its launch date. More details still coming on it as well.

Kingston PAG meeting is taking place on June 9th, 2018 at the CAS Building, in Kingston, at 10:30 a.m. They just secured permanent funding to meet there.

New Initiatives:

Margaret Van Beers is asking service providers and families from the Lanark, Leeds and Grenville area to complete the following surveys.

As part of the rollout of the new FASD Worker position, we're distributing two surveys;

- For Families – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSK5GX5>
- For Service Providers – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RW3JY2G>

As mentioned at our last meeting, we are distributing it widely and invite you to share with others as you see fit. The information gathered will be submitted to MCYS, and will also help us to plan for the new FASD position in LLG. We will leave the surveys open until June 10th, 2018.

Other Information:

I also heard from Marian Mlakar, of MCYS, regarding the status on four of the six initiatives. The organization that is funding and coordinating parent support groups is still being determined, possibly Health Nexus as well.

Key Workers were assigned to the 21 provincial coordinating agencies who also determine the local special needs strategy. They are currently doing needs analysis and they will determine high needs areas in the fall. See above!

Health Nexus and Jo-Anne Robertson are creating the FASD website for the province with input from caregivers, experts, youth and service providers.

Finally, MCYS is going to create their advisory committee later this year consisting of youth and caregivers.

Yes, Bill 191 and later Bill 44 to amend the Education Act regarding FASD has died with the writ drop. We will be starting all over again in the fall.

Member-at-Large – Lorraine Fenn

Rideau Paddlefest 2018 will be taking place on June 2nd, 2018 at Lower Reach Park, Smiths Falls. There will be lots of age appropriate activities for children going on. Guiders from Smiths Falls have been asked if they would be interested in having a booth at the paddlefest. Lorraine will speak to the other Guiders to see if they can put some activities together.

There is also going to be an Arts Fair in August with lots of creative activities for kids to do. Girl Guides of Canada members were asked if they would be interested in having a booth there with different crafts that children of all ages could do. Lorraine will ask the other leaders if they would be interested in attending these events and setting up the booths.

IV. Department Update

The April 27th PA Day was an overwhelming success. All staff participated in a beautiful liturgy lead by Paul Mantha, Principal of Religious and Family Life, and listened to the main message of the day “*Learning for All*” delivered by Dr. Donaleen Hawes. After this, participants attended interactive workshops that were based on the three sections of the magazine; Modeling Learning Processes, Supporting Learning, Processing and Developing Growth Mindset. During the workshops principals, teachers and support staff had the opportunity to explore the new Mathematical Learning for All magazine, discuss strategies that are working across the system, and discover new strategies they would like to implement back at their schools.

The magazine showcases the work that is being done across the system in our classrooms through pictures and rich examples. We will continue our work as a Department next year by working with educators to maximize the use of this resource.

SEAC Recommendations

- Presentation on Math Magazine – September, 2018
- Definitions and process for identifications and information on IEPs and IPRCs. Request to live stream panel from home with the opportunity to ask questions.
- Partnering with Harvest House and CSCs
- Addictions Services in the Fall

V. Report to the Ministry of Education on the Provision of Special Education Programs and Services – June, 2018: Special Education Funding and Staffing Allocations

Section VIII – Special Education Staff – Dr. Hawes shared this section with SEAC. There will be two regulated health professionals added along with a multi-disciplinary team.

Section X – Equipment – SEA equipment and total amounts for 2017-2018 were shared.

Section XV – Special Education Advisory Committee – changes made to leave of absences, SEAC goals and priorities reviewed.

Section VI – Special Education Placements Provided by the Board and Section IV – Identification, Placement and Review were shared.

Section II – Programs and Services Model/Special Education Funding – Dr. Hawes shared information on funding, proposed recommendations on staffing and proposed expenditures.

VI. Correspondence Received

- Letter from Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board in support of the Auditor General of Ontario's Annual Report, 2017
- Letter from Peel District School Board re *#StopTheBusDelays* Campaign
- Letter of Resignation – Lorraine Fenn, Member-at-Large

Motion:

To accept the resignation of Lorraine Fenn, Member-at-Large.

Moved by: Fran Brauneisen

CARRIED

VII. Motion to Excuse Regrets Received

Motion:

Motion to excuse Heather Brown, Best Buddies, Lorraine Fenn, Member-at-Large and Shelley More, LLG FASD Working Group (Alternate).

Moved by: Fran Brauneisen

CARRIED

VIII. Next SEAC Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBEO Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, June 4th, 2018 at the Board Office, in Kemptville, 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

Sue Wilson led the group in the Board prayer.

XI. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Moved by: Lorraine Boyer

CARRIED

CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking

	Trustee / Chair	Trustee	VOICE *military deployment/on leave	Assoc. for Community Living	Autism Ontario	Best Buddies	FASD	ABC *temporary leave of absence	Easter Seals – Ontario	Lanark County Support Services	Member at Large - LB	Member at Large – LF *resigned May, 2018	Total
August	P	P		P		P	P		P	P	P		8
September	P	P		P	P		P		P	P	P		8
October	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	10
November	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P		P	9
January													
Feb – Meeting #1	P	P		P	P	P	P		P	P			8
Feb – Meeting #2	P	P		P		P	P		P	P			7
March	P	P		P		P	P		P		P		7
April	P			P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	9
May	P	P		P	P		P			P	P		7
June													

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