



**Minutes of the Special Education
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017
4:00 pm – Festival Room
Avon Maitland Education Centre**

Voting Members/

Alternates Present: K. Fox, L. Geddes, D. Pratley, D. Barkley, P. Huettlin, S. Lee

Non-Voting Members: R. Lovell, H. Finch

Staff Present: M. Pfaff

Member Regrets: C. Bennewies, M. Krebs, T. Sparling, P. Blair, K. Morrison,
T. McGregor

Presenters: ML Cook McEwen, D. Knott

Recorder: C. Trotter

1.0 Routine Matters

1.1 Approval of the December 6, 2017 Agenda

Moved by L. Geddes seconded by D. Barkley

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of the November 1, 2017 SEAC Minutes

Moved by D. Barkley seconded by S. Lee

That the minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

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3.0 New Business

**3.1 Draft Document: Special Education in Ontario K-12 – Special
Education Consultants ML Cook McEwen, D. Knott**

[Link to document.](#)

http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/policy/os/onschools_2017e.pdf

This document can be described as one stop shopping, for school staff and parents as well. There are links in the electronic document, which go directly to the Ministry (MoE) document. The is in draft format, which means this is a living document, & changes will be completed as needed.

If significant changes are made, notification will be sent out via Policy/Program Memo (PPM). The link will remain the same, but the online document will be changed.

This is a public document, on the MoE website and can be shared with each SEAC members' organization.

3.2 Memo: Integrated Delivery of Rehabilitation and Coordinated Servicer Planning – Update on Next Steps – Vice Principal Pfaff (Handout)

A special needs strategy committee was working on the proposal for coordinated service planning as well as Integrated Rehabilitation & Services for over a year. The September memo came out as a surprise to the committee. Work is stayed at this time. There is no noted start date. Coordinated Service Planning is still going ahead. Community Services Coordination Network (CSCN) will look after this. (Get handout from Missy)

Coordinated service planning: a parent can call CSCN to get service, for families ages 0-18. Service can be provided for someone up to age 21, as long as the child is still in school. If a family has multiple children and multiple services, then CSCN can become involved to help navigate. We are hopeful that there will be an electronic portal that will house all reports relating to each particular family, once consents are in place. Families will have access to their own records and also have the control on what each agency sees.

All documents are in draft, as we are in a soft launch. This is about connecting families with services. CSCN will help families get service(s) (step up), and then will step back until their services are required again. There are multiple levels of support; support for all families, moderate support, high level of support.

We will keep administration updated as this moves along.

3.3 Good News: Canadian Association for Community Living Award – K. Fox

Community Living Ontario announced that the Avon Maitland DSB won the CACL Inclusive Education Award at their 64th Annual General Meeting on September 13, 2017. The Inclusive Education Award is provided by the CACL to an individual or team in each of the 13 provinces and territories who has made a positive contribution towards meaningful inclusion of students who have disabilities in the education system. The award will officially be presented to Avon Maitland's Director of Education and Chair of the Board by Community Living Ontario's CEO Chris Beesley later in this school year.

3.4 Transition Event & Resource Teacher In-Service – Vice Principal Pfaff

We have scheduled January 9 for a Resource Teacher in-service to talk about transitions for secondary students. We start want to make the connections to make a smoother transition for students before they leave

school. On the following evening, January 10, we are holding a Transition Fair for students & parents at Stratford Northwestern SS. We are hoping to reach out to agencies in our area to come out with information to help school staff, parents and students know what supports & services there are for them after secondary school. This is the same night as the SEAC meeting. Planning meeting to be held next Monday. The Transition Fair is to start at 6:00 pm. We can hold the SEAC meeting at NWSS in a room off the library and then the committee can move to the Transition Fair. We will send a message out to all agencies, inviting them to bring a booth and/or information.

3.5 PPM 161 – Supporting Children & Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions – Vice Principal Pfaff (Handout)

Memo was released Oct 24. We believed we have the supports in place. The memo also talks about school board policies. Variety of levels of compliance that we need to check, to be ready to go for September 2018. This work will start in January. Vice Principal Pfaff will keep SEAC updated as we go through the process.

4.0 Trustee Board Report

Trustee Pratley: Attended a meeting public consultation meeting on December 5 2017, in Hamilton with regard to EQAO review across the Province. Hoping that we will see some changes for these students. There was a consensus of the need to make changes in the current practice.

5.0 Association Reports

Autism Ontario: Follow up from November report. Recently spoke to four different hospitals in Huron & Perth. Returned to Stratford hospital, to speak to a group of employees. They have created boxes of sensory toys for children with autism, who can then take the box home. Working on questionnaires for parents to fill out.

7.0 Future Agenda Items

- Calendar/plan of what's happening in schools
- Special Education Plan

8.0 Date of Next Meeting

- January 10, 2018 – Second Wednesday of the month. Please note location change to Stratford Northwestern S.S. in the library.

Future Meetings:

- February 7, 2018
- March 7, 2018
- April 4, 2018

- May 9, 2018 (**Second Wednesday of the month.**)
- May 30, 2018 (Budget review)
- June 6, 2018 (Budget approval)

These dates will be posted on the Board website.

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by L. Geddes to adjourn.

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting is adjourned at 5:25 pm.

**Committee Members
2017 – 2018**

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Alternate Members
Katie Fox – Chair <i>Foundations Huron</i>	Ruth Lovell <i>Elementary Principal Rep</i>	
Marty Krebs – Vice Chair <i>Member at Large</i>	Helena Finch <i>Secondary Principal Rep</i>	Mary Lynn MacDonald <i>Member at Large</i>
Lynette Geddes <i>Trustee</i>	Peggy Blair <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	Nancy Rothwell <i>Trustee</i>
Doug Pratley <i>Trustee</i>	Missy Pfaff <i>Vice Principal</i>	Robert Hunking <i>Trustee</i>
Terri Sparling <i>Huron Perth Centre</i>	Jane Morris <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	Val Milson <i>Huron Perth Centre</i>
Stephanie Lee <i>Community Living – St. Marys & Area</i>		Jennifer Costello <i>Community Living St. Marys & Area</i>
Trevor McGregor <i>Community Living – Stratford & Area</i>		Peg Huettlin <i>Community Living Stratford & Area</i>
Doris Barkley <i>Perth District Health Unit Autism Ontario</i>		
Carol Bennewies <i>Member at Large</i>		
Karen Morrison <i>Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario</i>		