
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 17, 2019

BOARDROOM

6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Anne Marie Duncan

Vice-chairperson:

TRUSTEES/MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING ARE ASKED TO PLEASE NOTIFY SUSAN MARIUTTI, (705) 748-4861 ext. 227.
--

A. Call to Order:

1. Opening Prayer: Melissa
We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga
Anishinaabe
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
4. Election of SEAC Chair
Election of SEAC Vice-Chair
5. Excusal from Attendance
R.A. That, _____ be excused from attendance at the January 17, 2019 Special
Education Advisory Committee meeting.
6. Approval of the Minutes of the November 22, 2018 meeting (*A.5 attached*)
7. Business Arising from the Minutes

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Remarks: Chairperson
2. Be Well Strategy: A Year in Review (*Jennifer Angelo, Mental Health & Well Being Lead*)
3. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning/Special Education (*Anne Marie Duncan, Superintendent of Learning*)
4. Discussion: "Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities" Chapters 8.
http://www.ohrc.on.ca/sites/default/files/Policy%20on%20accessible%20education%20for%20students%20with%20disabilities_FINAL_EN.pdf (*Anne Marie Duncan, Superintendent of Learning*)

5. Report from SEAC members

Shawna Belcourt

Community Living Trent Highlands

- February 8 & 9, 2019 FASD workshop (*flyer attached*)
- Winter 2019 Cooking Classes (*flyer attached*)
- Skating 2019 Session (*flyer attached*)
- Easter Seals Ontario Family Day Camp (*flyer attached*)

Kelly Smigielski

Grandview Children Centre

- January 15, 2019 – “Communication Success: A Beginners Guide” for ages 3-7, 6-7 pm
- January 17, 2019 – “Social Skills 101: A Guide to Behaviour Skills Training” 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- January 22, 2019 – “It’s A Science! ABA 101” 6:30 – 9:30 pm
- January 29, 2019 – “Stand up to Bullying”, aimed at parents of children with ASD. 6:30 -9:30 pm
- January 30, 2019 – “Communicate, Learn and Play (CLAP) 9 – 10 am
- January 31, 2019 – “Get Angry – How to”, lesson on coping strategies for children with ASD, 6-7:30 pm
- February 6, 2019 – Motivation 101 – An introduction to motivating children with ASD 6:30-8:30 pm

C. Information Items:

1. Copy of letter from Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB to Minister of Education regarding findings in Auditor General Report. (*C.1 attached*)

D. Old Business:

E. New Business:

F. Next Meeting:

1. **Next Meeting:**
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Catholic Education Centre
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
2. Agenda Items: Attendance Statistics
3. Selection of Member for Opening/Closing Prayer:

Future Meetings

Thursday, February 21, 2019	Attendance Statistics
Thursday, March 21, 2019	Applied Behaviour Analyst
Thursday, April 25, 2019	Special Education Support Staff
Thursday, May 30, 2019	Speech Language Pathology
Thursday, June 20, 2019	Psychology

Friday, February 1, 2019

PD Session Invitation:

Calvary Pentecostal Church, Peterborough

8:30 am – Self Regulation and Self Care for Adults

12:30 pm – Michael “Pinball” Clements –

“Gifts, Teamwork and Passion, Living your Best Life”

G. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer: Melissa
2. Adjournment.



DONNA DEBOLT PRESENTS FASD...BUT...

In Our Community ... Making a Difference

Casework for individuals with FASD cannot be done in isolation and the key component to creating a measure of success largely relies upon the construct of FASD Informed Practice.

As such FASD Informed Practice requires a shift in thinking and a model of service delivery that is reliant upon all service partners – in collaboration with the caregiving/placement/living network – to ensure improved outcomes for individuals with high needs.

This workshop will provide training on leading practice in response to the complex care needs of individuals with FASD.

February 8th & 9th, 2019 8:30-4pm

**** LUNCH PROVIDED ****



February 8th

Let's Collaborate and Share

Learn what it takes to provide improved outcomes for individuals with FASD

February 9th

Caregivers of FASD individuals need relevant and effective service to be able to sustain the energy and skill set needed to provide stability and resources for these individuals. This session will provide a framework for considering these issues.

(Professionals & Community Partners welcome Day 2)

FEE: 1 day \$75 or \$125 for both days (plus Eventbrite fee)

FEE for Parents/Caregivers \$20 (subsidy may be available)

To register go to
www.eventbrite.ca

Questions?

Contact Kim Carson
705-876-9245 Ext. 231
kcarson@tccss.org

Westdale United Church
1509 Sherbrooke St.
Peterborough, ON

Winter 2019 Cooking Classes:

DESCRIPTION:

- Learn how to prepare simple meals & snacks in a small group
- Holiday baked treat for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter
- WHO: This work shop is intended for individuals between the ages of 10-13yrs

WHEN: Thursdays Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, (no class March Break), 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 18 (No class on April 25th unless used as a snow/cancelation make-up day)

TIME: 3:45 to 5:15pm

WHERE: New CONNEX location in the Peterborough Square -360 George Street, Unit 100, Lower level by the Nursing Home doors.

COST: \$50.00 per child (approx.. \$5/week for food and supplies)

Facilitated by: Chris Burtch and Alison Rodriguez

Registration and payment by: Friday January 25, 2018 to reserve your spot with Bethany Sayles 705-743-2412x564

Secondary workshops will be set up when there's an overwhelming interest in a particular workshop (or waitlisted). Please note a minimum amount of people must be registered for workshop to run and a maximum of six.

If workshops are cancelled, every effort will be made to reschedule a make up day.

RSVP quickly to reserve your spot to your facilitator.

Please let your facilitator know if there are financial and transportation barriers.

Please let your facilitator know if there are any food allergies. There ARE PEANUTS used in this kitchen so please be aware in regards to allergies.



Cooking Simple Healthy Meal & Snacks

Kawartha Lakes
Suite 200, 205 McLaughlin Road
Lindsay, Ontario K9V 0K7
Tel: 705-328-0464 Fax: 705-328-0495

Peterborough
223 Aylmer Street N.,
Peterborough, ON K9J 3K3
Tel: 705-743-2412 Fax: 705-743-3722

Haliburton County
73 Victoria Street, Box 90
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
Tel: 705-457-2626 Fax: 705-457-9287

Winter 2019 Cooking Classes: Cooking Simple Healthy Meal & Snacks

DESCRIPTION:

- *Learn how to prepare simple meals & snacks in a small group*
- *Holiday baked treat for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter*
- *WHO: This work shop is intended for individuals between the ages of 10-13yrs.*

WHEN: Thursdays Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, (no class March Break), 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 18 (No class on April 25th unless used as a snow/cancelation make-up day)

TIME: 3:45 to 5:15pm

WHERE: New CONNEX location in the Peterborough Square -360 George Street, Unit 100, Lower level by the Nursing Home doors.

COST: \$50.00 per child (approx.. \$5/week for food and supplies)

Facilitated by: Chris Burtch and Alison Rodriguez

Registration and payment by: Friday January 25, 2018 to reserve your spot with Bethany Sayles 705-743-2412 x564

Secondary workshops will be set up when there's an overwhelming interest in a particular workshop (or waitlisted). Please note a minimum amount of people must be registered for workshops to run and a maximum of six.

If workshops are cancelled, every effort will be made to reschedule a make up day.

RSVP quickly to reserve your spot to your facilitator.

Please let your facilitator know if there are financial and transportation barriers.

Please let your facilitator know if there are any food allergies. There ARE PEANUTS used in this kitchen so please be aware in regards to allergies.





Skating 2019 Sessions:

DESCRIPTION:

- *Learn how to skate with our Community Living staff and volunteers*

WHO: This work shop is intended for children & youth under 18 years old who want an opportunity to ice skate.

WHEN: Saturdays January 26, February 2 & 9

Time: Jan 26 1pm-2pm (Ice Time)

Feb 2nd & 9 11am-12noon (Ice Time)

Please Arrive 1/2hr early to get dressed before ice time

WHERE: Northcrest Arena -100 Marina Blvd, Peterborough ON, K9H 6M6

COST: \$30.00 per child (paid in full for ice rental costs)

EQUIPMENT: Everyone on the ice surface is required to wear ice skates and helmet. Snowpants, mitts, etc. are helpful for the cold and also work as padding when falls happen. Please come prepared.

**(Skates can be borrowed, Please see registration questionnaire)*

Facilitated by: Alison Rodriguez, Chris Burtch, Christine Handy, Lynn Wodzak and Bethany Sayles with CLTH support staff and volunteers.

Registration, Waiver/Questionnaire and payment by: Friday January 18th, 2019 to reserve your spot with Chris Burtch 705-743-2412 x532

Special Thank you to Fontaine's Source for Sports in Peterborough for supplying Skates to borrow free



of charge! WE KNOW OUR STUFF. 384 Queen St., Peterborough, ON 705-742-0511

Please Note:

Cancellations will not be reimbursed due to City of Peterborough Rental Policies.

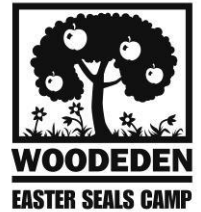
RSVP quickly to reserve your spot to your facilitator.

Please let your facilitator know if there are financial and transportation barriers.



EASTER SEALS ONTARIO FAMILY CAMP

WF: August 4 - 9, 2019 at Woodeden Camp
MF: August 20 - 25, 2019 at Merrywood Camp



Since 1979, Easter Seals Ontario's Family Camp program has been providing parents and their children the opportunity to relax and have fun together at a fully accessible site. At Family Camp the whole family can enjoy activities such as crafts, games, archery, swimming, campfires and much, much more. While at camp, parents are responsible for supervising and providing the daily care of their children. However, supervision is available during scheduled children's activities so parents can attend adult only programs or just relax. Childcare is available in the evening.

CRITERIA FOR FAMILY CAMP

- **Families must have a child with a physical disability between the ages of 1-18 years (as of July 1, 2019) who is registered with Easter Seals Ontario** before submitting an application (Please note, the Incontinence Supplies Grant Program is a separate registry).
- **Priority will be given to first time families who have never attended an Easter Seals Family Camp before, and then to all returning families on a first come first serve basis** – applications will be date stamped based on the date that the completed application WITH payment has been received. If you have attended family camp at any of Easter Seals' camp locations in the past, you are still considered a returning family even if you are applying to a new camp location. Family size may have an impact on priority of acceptance as larger families of 6 or more require the use of two rooms to be accommodated and some cabins only hold a maximum of 2 people.

If your child is between the ages of 6-26 as of July 1, 2019 and able to communicate a consistent yes/no (this can be verbal or non-verbal as long as it is consistent) then they may qualify to attend our Individual Camps. Due to the limited space in Family Camp we encourage any applicants whose child meets our Individual Camp criteria to enroll in an Individual Camp session as Family Camp is intended for those who are severely medically fragile and/or do not meet our minimum Individual Camp criteria.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1

- **Send your completed Family Camp Application with payment to Easter Seals Ontario.** Applications are date stamped by the date the completed application with payment is received. **Minimum payment required is \$85 per person** for immediate family members only. Any non-immediate family members will be required to pay full fees at \$900 per person.
- **Confirm receipt of application** – it is the family's responsibility to follow up with Easter Seals Ontario that their application has been received. Please contact the Recreation Coordinator after sending in your application to confirm it has been received.

Step 2

- **Wait for confirmation.** Easter Seals Ontario will **review all applications by mid February, 2019**. At this time, we will contact you by mail to let you know if you have been approved or waitlisted. Easter Seals will not process any payments until you have been approved for camp. If you do not receive a spot in camp – you will not be charged.

Step 3

- **If approved for Family Camp**, you will receive a confirmation package in the mail with information about the camp. Please complete any forms and bring them with you to camp on arrival day.
- **If not approved for Family Camp and placed on the waitlist**, you will receive a waitlist letter in the mail. Easter Seals Ontario will contact you should any spots become available in the session - you do **not** need to keep following up with Easter Seals on whether a space has become available.

Frequently Asked Questions...



Where are the Camps located?

Easter Seals Camp Merrywood is located on a breathtaking peninsula stretching out into Rideau Lake near Perth (approximately 1 hour from Ottawa & Kingston). It offers a wide range of programs including water sports such as canoeing, kayaking, fishing and out-tripping. Easter Seals Camp Woodedden is located on 107 acres of scenic woods and beautifully landscaped grounds overlooking the Thames River in London. Families will enjoy playing sledge hockey as well as trying out the fully accessible high ropes course.

Do parents and children have to attend all activities?

No, activities are optional. Some parents and siblings choose to participate in all the programs while others choose to read a book. We do however encourage your children to participate in the activities. If they choose not to, they must be supervised by a parent. Please Note: if your child is attending a program without you, the camp staff will return them to you if they require personal care or are not staying with the group.

Can I attend activities with my child(ren)?

Yes, that is why we are a Family Camp!

Will the staff assist my family?

All campers will be supervised during scheduled program times by the camp staff. Outside of structured program times, you are responsible for supervising your children. Evening babysitting is provided, allowing you to enjoy the adult programs offered. You can request additional assistance for morning and evening care. (The amount of assistance that the camp staff is able to provide is dependent upon the needs of the campers. Our staff are not trained in caring for tracheostomies, respirators or doing any suctioning).

What are the cabins like?

Families will have a room to themselves and share washroom facilities with others. Linen and towels are provided. Side rails are available upon request.

What are the meals like?

A catering company that specializes in camp cooking provides family-style meals, served in our dining hall. Please keep in mind that Easter Seals Camps are not staffed with Registered Dietitians or Nutritionists trained to implement specialized diets. We will do our best to accommodate common diets, such as vegetarian, soft, puree, and gluten-free (we do not provide Halal/Kosher/low-sodium meals etc.). Families can bring food from home to supplement the camp food in order to meet their special dietary needs. Easter Seals camps offer a **peanut aware** environment. We ask that you do not bring any nuts or nut products to camp.

Are there laundry facilities at camp?

Yes, there are washing machines and dryers available for families to use during their stay.

I sent my application back right away but was placed on the waitlist. Why wasn't I approved?

Due to the limited availability and popularity of family camp, you may have been waitlisted for any of the following reasons:

- **Your application was incomplete and/or payment was not included.** Applications are date stamped based on the date that that completed application WITH payment is received in the Head office.
- **There was a high volume of new applicants.** Priority for Family Camp is first given to new families and then to all returning families on a first come first serve basis. If there is a high volume of new applicants, even if your completed application with payment is in right away, you are not guaranteed a space as there may only be a few spots for returning families for that year. Please note: If you have been to any of Easter Seals Camp locations in the past, you are still considered a returning family.
- **How soon your application was received.** You may have sent in your application within the first week that the applications became available online, however, we often receive an influx of applications on the same day applications are posted. Please note: it is your responsibility to follow up with Easter Seals that your application has been received.
- **Your child is not eligible.** If your child will be 19+ as of July 1st of the camping year, they no longer qualify for family camp. Alternatively, your child may not be eligible if you have attended Family Camp in the past and have been told that your child meets the criteria to attend our individual camps. As Family Camp is limited, if the Easter Seals child meets our individual camp criteria, they are no longer eligible for Family Camp.

For more information on Family Camp:

Contact the Recreation Coordinator at 416.421.8377 ext. 325 or toll-free at 1.800.668.6252 ext. 325 or via email at camp@easterseals.org or visit our camp website at www.eastersealscamps.org.



WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Student Achievement K-12

1325 California Avenue
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6
CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Terry Lyons
Telephone: (519) 253-2481 FAX: (519) 253-0620



October 24, 2018

Honorable Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Education
22nd Floor, Mowat Block
900 Bay Street Toronto, ON M7A1L2

Dear Minister Thompson:

On behalf of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) we are writing in support of the letter previously sent to former Minister of Education, Indira Naidoo-Harris, by the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board regarding the findings contained in the Auditor General of Ontario's Annual Report, 2017. Specifically, as referenced by PVNCCDSB:

The Auditor General found that benchmarks in the funding formula and the dollar amount assigned to that factor are out-of-date. In 2002, an independent task force reviewed the formula used by the Ministry to determine funding to school boards and recommended that the Ministry annually review and update the benchmarks, as well as conduct a more comprehensive review of the formula every 5 years. While the Ministry updates the labour costs annually, the other benchmarks have not been updated, and still reflect census data which is more than 10 years old. (p.429). When demographics such as income levels and immigration patterns are not reflected in the benchmarks, this creates a funding inequity between the various regions of the province.

The Auditor General's recommendation to remedy this inequity is as follows:

"To ensure that the funds are allocated in a manner that supports school boards in providing a high standard of education to all students, we recommend the Ministry of Education:

- *Conduct a comprehensive external review of the funding formula, including all grant components and benchmarks, as recommended by the Education Equity Funding Task Force in 2002;*
- *Regularly review the formula and update all benchmarks to reflect the province's changing demographics and socio-economic conditions; and*
- *Use the more current census data available when determining allocations for grants." (p.441)*

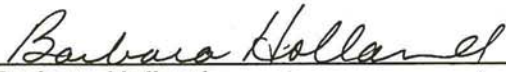
The percentage of students with special education needs receiving programs and services at the WECDSB has continued to rise and is now over 20%. WECDSB's inclusive model of Special Education service delivery expresses its commitment to educate each child to the maximum extent in the classroom they attend. It involves bringing the support services to the child rather than moving the child to the services. This vision is aligned with the Ministry's Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario (Achieving Excellence), which outlines a strong commitment to achieving equity in access to learning for students with special education needs. Both the Ministry's vision and WECDSB's model put into place the programs, supports and services that are essential to enable students with special education needs to achieve personal excellence.


This model however causes budget pressures as the proportion of students with special needs continues to increase each year. *The need for Special Education services continues to increase, however, the introduction of the Differentiated Special Education Needs (DSENA) allocation has actually decreased the amount of funding received by the WECDSB.* As a result, the Board annually overspends its allocation in this area, which continued in 2017-18, where slightly higher grant revenues offset by increased pupils with special needs has resulted in a \$4.7M gap between the expenses and funding.

We are very appreciative of the additional funding, announced recently to increase the Special Education Per Pupil Amount Allocation, however, grants have not kept pace with the increase in need and cost. We respectfully request that the Ministry of Education follow the recommendations of the Auditor General to review the formulas used to determine Special Education Grants and update them to provide equitable funding to support our students with special education needs.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Barbara Holland
Chairperson
Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board


Jillian Fenech
Special Education Advisory Committee Chair
Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

cc: Terry Lyons, Director of Education WECDSB
MPP Windsor and Essex County
WECDSB Board Trustees
WECDSB SEAC Members
Provincial DSB SEAC Chairs