
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 27, 2018

BOARDROOM

6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Kelly Smigielski

Vice-chairperson: Maria Castiglione

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

1. Opening Prayer: Diane
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. Excusal from Attendance
R.A. That, _____ be excused from attendance at the September 27, 2018
Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting *(A.5 attached)*
6. Business Arising from the Minutes

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Remarks: Chairperson *(Kelly)*
2. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning/Special Education *(Anne Marie)*
3. Update: Special Education Funding for 2018-2019 *(Anne Marie)*
4. Discussion: Revision of Letter to Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education *(Anne Marie)*
5. Reminder: Re: Agency Recommendation Letter Due to Director of Education before
end of October (recommendations go to Board in November – new term starts Dec. 1)

6. Report from SEAC members

Kelly Smigielski

Grandview Children's Centre

- September 27/18: Parent Workshop: "Making Sense of Sensory Processing & Self-Regulation", 6-7:30 pm
- September 30/18 Ryan Ajax, 8 am – 1 pm
- October 10/18 OAP Parent training workshop: 'Toileting Success: How you can make it happen'.
- Fall recreation programs are all set up to go and registration has begun
- Career opportunity at Grandview: Campaign Fundraising Officer.

Maria Castiglione

Community Representative

- October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month (*flyer attached*)

Shawna Belcourt

Community Living Trent Highlands

- Fall 2018 Cooking Classes (*flyer attached*)
- Free 'Autism Mindfulness Group' (*flyer attached*)
- Downtown Youth Space Fall 2018 (*flyer attached*)
- 1st Annual United Way Charity Softball Tournament(*flyer attached*)
- The Adventure Group (TAG) Ages 14-21 (*flyer attached*)
- The Adventure Group Plus (TAG Plus) – Ages 21+
- Daily Recreation Options Program (DROP) Fall 2018 Session (*flyer attached*)

C. Information Items:

1. Correspondence from Bluewater District School Board (*C.1 attached*)
2. Correspondence from Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough (*C.2 attached*)

D. Old Business:

E. New Business:

F. Next Meeting:

1. Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 18, 2018
Catholic Education Centre
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

2. Agenda Items

3. Selection of Member for Opening/Closing Prayer:

Future Meetings

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Tour/PD Session to be determined

G. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer: Diane
2. Adjournment.

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Fall 2018 Cooking Classes: *Cooking Simple Healthy Meal*

DESCRIPTION:

- Learn how to prepare simple meals in a small group
- Holiday baked treat each week to assemble a take home gift pkg at the end of session.

WHO: This work shop is intended for individuals between the ages of 13-16yrs.

WHEN: Thursdays Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Dec 6

Time: 3:45 to 5:15pm

WHERE: NEW CONNEX location in the Peterborough Square -360 George Street, Unit 33A, Lower level across from coffee shop.

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

Facilitated by: Chris Burch and Alison Rodriguez

Registration and payment by: Friday September 28, 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, families will be reimbursed promptly.

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.



FREE AUTISM MINDFULNESS GROUP

We are researching ways to help autistic adults cope with stress and anxiety. As part of this research, we are holding a **free web-based mindfulness group** that will teach some new ways to better cope with these feelings.

The group will take place each Wednesday for 5 weeks

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (log-on @ 6:45 PM)

Dates: September 26; October 3, 10 17 & 24, 2018

You will be able to participate in the group virtually, using video conferencing to connect with the group facilitators and other participants.

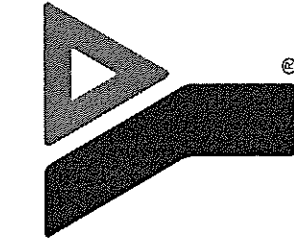
If you're an adult (18+ years of age) on the autism spectrum, living in Ontario, and this is something you might be interested in learning more about, please contact Brianne Redquest at brianne.redquest@camh.ca.



The Adventure Group

TAG - Ages 14-21

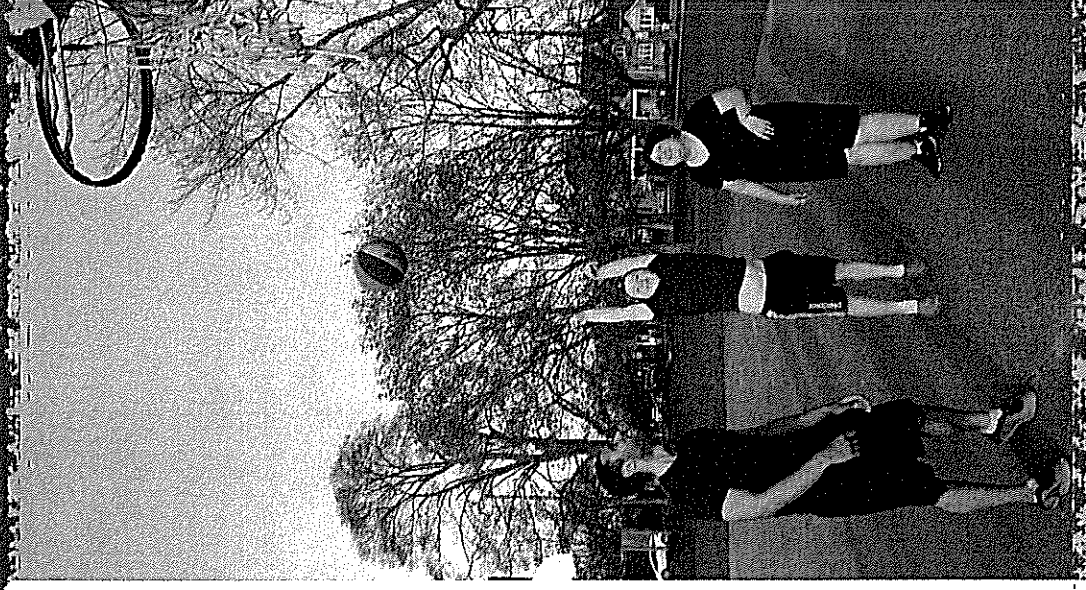
Join the YMCA of Central East Ontario and Alternatives for evenings of fun, excitement, socialization and adventure!



**Every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm,
beginning September 19th until December 5th**

Join us for swimming, cooking, trips, gym activities,
special guests and much more.

Members \$98.00 and Non Members \$114.00

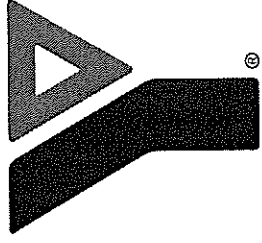


Registration takes place at the YMCA front desk in person. Space is limited - register early!

For questions please contact Caroline Ford at 705-748-9642 ext. 207 or caroline.ford@ceo.ymca.ca

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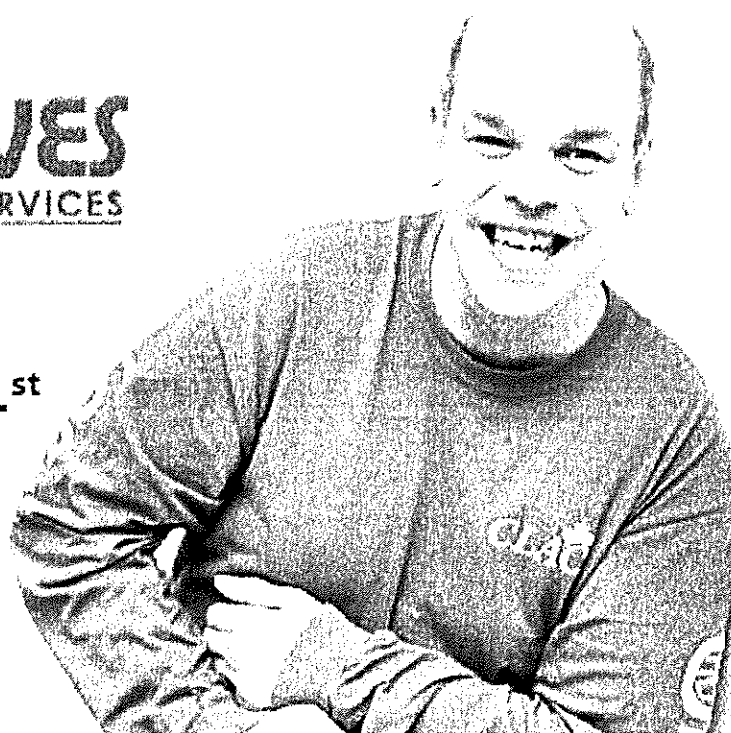
Daily Recreation Options Program



ALTERNATIVES
COMMUNITY PROGRAM SERVICES

Fall 2018 Session

October 1st – December 21st



Our program

Our programs are designed to help each student walking through our doors achieve their personal goals and potential

What we offer

Life Skills
Job Development
Day Program
Weekly Activities
Social Skills
1:1 Special Programming
Community Integration
Respite Services

About Us

Established in 1986
our programs service
Peterborough and the
surrounding areas
supporting individuals
living in our
community with
special needs.

Acceptance Builds Community



DOWNTOWN YOUTH SPACE

FALL 2018

FREE FOR YOUTH AGES 13 to 18



HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays - 3 pm to 5:30 pm

Saturdays - 1 pm to 5:30 pm

LOCATION

PACE @ PCVS - 201 McDonnel Street

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Free shuttle service offered to DYS from various locations around the City.

**The L.O.F.T. (DYS) is a free youth drop in centre at PCVS offering fun activities for youth
In our community built on respect of yourself and others.
Sports, Art, Music, Wi-Fi, Healthy Snacks, Excursions & More!**



DYS is offered by the City of Peterborough Recreation Division in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

For more information call or text Katie at 705-875-8142



COMMUNITY LIVING

Trent Highlands



1st Annual United Way Charity Softball Tournament

**Date: Saturday September 29,
2018**

Time: 8:00am-5:00pm

**Location: RA Morrow
Memorial Park
Peterborough**

**Come join us for a friendly softball
tournament and help raise money for
a good cause!**

**All games to be completed at Morrow
Park.**

**For more information or to register
call:**

**Tracey Switzer: 705-743-2411
ext. 562 or tswitzer@clth.ca**

Entry fees:

- \$30 per person
- Teams can register as a whole or Individuals can sign up to join other teams.
- Players must be 18 and over to play
- Lunch will be provided

FORMAT

3 pitch softball
Double elimination
style brackets
Co-ed rules min 4
females on field at one
time



**Registration to:
Tracey Switzer**

Community Living Trent
Highlands
223 Aylmer St. N.
Peterborough, Ont. K9J 3K3

Phone: 705-743-2411
Fax: 705-457-9287
Email: tswitzer@clth.ca

**Sponsored by:
Community
Living Trent
Highlands**

**Fees must be collected prior to the event.
Food and beverages will be available at
the fields.**





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June 25, 2018

Kelly Smigielski
Chair of PVNC SEAC
Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland CDSB
1355 Landsdowne St., W.,
Peterborough, ON K9J 7M3

Dear Kelly Smigielski:

Bluewater District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) would like to acknowledge and support Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee's (SEAC) letter of support to the Honorable Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister of Education, regarding the findings of the Auditor General of Ontario's Annual Report, 2017.

Bluewater District School Board also supports the Auditor General's recommendations to provide equitable distribution of funds across boards to serve and support the students.

Sincerely,

Paul Eichhorn
Special Education Advisory Committee Chair





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Years of Making Dreams Come True

April 30th, 2018

The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and
Clarington Catholic District School Board,
1355 Lansdowne Street West,
Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7M3.

Dear Special Education Superintendent:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough and its' members regarding some serious concerns surrounding under-staffing of supply Support Staff in your Board.

It has come to our attention that the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board has an on-going, chronic issue with support staff positions going unfilled when absences of regular support staff take place. The result of these vacancies is our children not engaging in the programming which is set out for them or, in some cases, not receiving the support levels they require, resulting in situations which raise serious safety concerns. Clearly, both of these circumstances are unacceptable, creating liability issues for your Board and infringing on the rights of our children in accordance with the Ontario Code of Human Rights.

It is hoped that your Board has a strategy prepared to remedy this circumstance in an expedient manner, and we look forward to hearing what those plans might be.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Moloney".

Dan Moloney, Chair

Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough