

Calvert Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2020

Attendees

Michelle Winemiller, Kathleen Porecki, Sue Rafalowksi, Kara Muffley, Joe Cormier, Brooke Anthony, Shelley Baden, Shelley Miller, Nicole Maldonado, Camille Miller, Christy Harris, Mechelle Shifflett, Pamela Hawe, Tracey McKirgan, Karla Garrett, Jen Kuhle-Parker, Judy Wickens, Lynn Cunningham, Angela Uliano, Barbara Paluda, Cathy Costabile

Welcome and Introductions

Joe, SECAC Chairperson, welcomed attendees and started with introductions. Because there were several new attendees Joe gave a brief overview of SECAC.

Approval of November minutes

The November 19th meeting minutes were approved as written.

Parent Workshop Opportunities

Parents selected and attended 2 of 6 mini workshops conducted by Special Education Supervisors and Teacher Specialists.

Session A	Let's Talk! Increasing Oral Language Skills
Session B	Dyslexia 102: Clarifications and Follow-Up
Session C	CRA (Concrete-Representational-Abstract) as an
Session D	Intervention Math Intervention: What Do I Use?
Session E	Can You Accomplish a Task?
Session F	Integrating Life Skills Instruction with Academic Core Content

SECAC Annual Awards

Joe shared that the annual SECAC Staff Appreciation Awards will be held on April 2nd at Calvert High. Nomination forms were given to representatives from each school to be sent home with students. Nominations can also be completed and submitted online. A scoring team will use a rubric and a winner will be selected for each of the 4 categories with each nominee being recognized and presented with a certificate at the award ceremony.

Joe has been working with Sue, from Parent Connections, about combining the annual resource fair with the SECAC Awards so parents and attendees will have the opportunity to visit resource tables before and after the awards program. Resource tables could be set up in the hallway on the way to the atrium.

Bylaws

Joe shared that prior to the next SECAC meeting the bylaws will be emailed to the distribution list with revisions suggested by the Bylaws Subcommittee.

Vice Chairperson

There are currently no nominations for SECAC Vice Chairperson.

SECAC Treasury Report

The budget from 2020 was provided. The budget committee has had two recent budget requests. Parent Connections requested funds for a presenter on SSI benefits. A parent requested funds to attend the COPPA conference. Both requests were approved.

Comments/Feedback

Joe reminded attendees it is an election year and that SECAC may look into hosting a night in the spring or fall to provide the opportunity for parents to meet with and ask questions of candidates.

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

February 4th MD ABLE Account Presentation; 6:30-8:30PM Jesus the Divine Word Church

February 13th -ADHD In-school and Beyond Presentation; 6-8PM Calvert Country School

March 2nd- Paula Kluth, National Inclusive Educator; Inclusion: What Every Parent Should Know; 6:30-8PM
CCPS BOE Multi-purpose Room

March 17th- SECAC meeting with additional parent workshop opportunities; 6:30-8PM CCPS BOE

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.