

Calvert Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2018

Attendees

Alicia Chubb, Joseph Cormier, Sue Rafalowksi, Camille Miller, Kara Muffley, , Joy Eason, Christy Harris, Jada Scott, Pamela Cousins, LaShonda Scott

Approve October 2018 meeting minutes

The October 2018 minutes were approved.

MSDE Parent Survey Results

Christy Harris reviewed the results of the annual MSDE parent survey sent out last school year. The Preschool survey return rate dropped significantly from 22% returned to only 12% while the return rate for the School-age survey remained at 15%. For the Preschool survey, a criterion is met if the % of respondents agreeing with a response is over 80%. For the School-Age survey, a criterion is met if the % of respondents agreeing with a response is over 70%. On both surveys CCPS met criterion on several questions, however, Christy is concerned with the number of responses that went down. The School-Aged survey showed a decrease in every survey question. This is an indication that parents do not feel that schools are facilitating parental involvement in the IEP process. Christy also shared that she is able to read the comments parents provide and many of them were negative which was of great concern to her and the Special Education Department. The report prepared by MSDE, which included the questions and response rates was provided to attendees.

SECAC goal for annual parent survey is to:

- Review results
- Get more specific feedback from families
- Plan for continuous improvement

At the November SECAC meeting, attendees will be asked to provide feedback and suggestions for how teachers and administrators can assist parents in the IEP process and make them feel they are meaningful participants in IEP meetings. This will be a collaborative solution finding meeting.

Treasury Report:

No money has been spent since the October meeting.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Nov 30-Rethinking ADHD: What Works, What Doesn't and Why; Calvert Marine Museum 9am-12pm

Feedback & Comments

Joy informed the SECAC that she and Camille are going to Pennsylvania on Friday to observe 2 classrooms that are part of the Verbal Behavior Project and can provide a brief summary of their visit if the SECAC is interested.