

Special Education Parent Partnership Committee Meeting Minutes

4/17/2020

1:00 - 2:00

Meeting via Google Meet

Members Present: Kristi Flesher, Corinna Graner, Molly Meyer, Andrea Combs, Emily Bremner-Forbes, Aaron Ruhland, Erin Murray, Iris Erickson, Ericka Ronnings, Peggy Adam, Cindy Brown-Polson, Peter Keers, Morgan Abbott, Ali Howe, Erica Swenson.

The meeting began with Special Services Department updates and updates on IEP services from MDE for distance learning.

Special Services Director Kristi Flesher explained that MDE is asking for individualized distance learning plans for all students.

Early learning special education teacher Peggy Adam gave an update on ECSE distance services.

School psychologist Ericka Ronnings explained some challenges in doing virtual meetings and school psychologist Molly Meyer added that they will do re-evaluations virtually.

High school special education teacher Iris Erickson gave insight on distance learning child participation. Dr. Aaron Ruhland let the group know we are shifting into more live or asynchronous videos.

The meeting continued with examples of accommodations during distance learning by OHS special education teacher Erin Murray and IS special education teacher Morgan Abbott.

Items for feedback included: What's working for distance learning? What's not working for distance learning? Parents were encouraged to share suggestions for an improved distance learning experience for their student. The group discussed paraprofessional involvement and praised their efforts in maintaining relationships while distance learning. The group agreed that there are some challenges in navigating the distance learning programs such as; Schoology, etc.