

Calvert County Public Schools
Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee

FINAL

Meeting Minutes: May 9, 2023

Attendees:

Joseph Cormier, Chairperson
Ashton Nelson, Secretary SECAC
Samantha Mathieson, Parent
Amy Cox, CCPS Staff
Nancy Gregory, Supervisor of Special Education
Dr. Kendy Anderson, Director of Special Education
Lashonda Scott, Parent, Member at Large

Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting began at 6:30pm. Joe Cormier welcomed all and held introductions. Meeting norms and expectations were reviewed. Please reach out to Joe with questions.

Meeting Minute Approval:

March meeting minutes were reviewed. No calls for edits or issues. Approved. To be posted on website.

SECAC Awards overview

Glowing feedback, only complaints re: Name misspellings. Corrections have been sent. Each of the spotlight nominees have purchased items for their classrooms. Any feedback, please sent to Joe.

Pre-K process questions

Nancy Gregory was present to answer questions/concerns regarding the new Pre-K guidelines and process. All families can apply. Increased opportunities for IEP students in general education. Each site has 1 full day program. Instruction office processes applications using tiered acceptance. May receive an initial denial, income verifications can cause a sliding scale of cost. Everyone receives the same until eligibility is determined. Full services for IEP students still occur regardless. 4 y/o program will be full day. Infants and toddler program and Child Find processes do not change. Dr. Anderson reiterated that this is new for everyone so have patience and if you need assistance, please contact Special Education or Instruction.

Inclusive Track and Field Event

Being Held on May 18th with a Rain date of May 19th. Public event @ CHS. Please come out and support.

Elections

No nominations received, therefore we will hold the vacancy until we return in the fall.

Directors Report/Treasury Report: \$491.79

Dr. Anderson reported a great first year. Budget remains at just under \$500 after SECAC award grants. Certificate paper is a need. Books were recommended to be purchased to stock our little lending library. Dr. Anderson stated that the Special Education has a surplus

of Dr. Greene books that she would like to donate. Suggestion of a book study “Re-Imagine Special Education” for members during the summer. Would give unique perspective to what the teachers in CC are also gaining access to. 4, 1 hour sessions. Will send out sign up closer to June mtg. Dr. Anderson also suggested possible TASH conference scholarships for families as there is an Advocacy component. Nov 30-Dec 2nd. If you have interest, please contact Joe for consideration for the upcoming year.

Public Comment/Upcoming Events

BOE budget to hopefully be voted on so that staffing can be built ASAP. Joe to present SECAC End of Year PowerPoint to BOE. Asked for recommendations for next year events? Please see Joe with comments.

Comment re: substitutes in Special Education Classrooms. In need of additional training and support for those rooms. Dr. Anderson explained “veteran matching” in schools to utilize more experienced staff in classrooms requiring layers of support.

LISS lottery is open for grants for families to use funds for events/classes/supplies for children with special needs.

Flyer for SECAC – no more tri-fold, keep the single sheet. Will update with approved dates after next meeting and give to Special Education department for distribution.

Calvert Marine Museum Tension Cruise during Special Needs night. Great event, a must do night for those with sensory sensitivities.

5/13/23 - CCS Spring plant sale

CCPS Special Education Retirements – Paul Reilly (Secondary Transition Specialist), Elizabeth Reilly (Diagnostic Prescriptive Teacher), Barb Brunner (Audiologist), Lisa Knight (Specialist, Infants and Toddlers & Child Find)

Adjournment and Final Points

Next meeting will be held virtually on June 13th, 2023 at 6:30. This is an Executive meeting, but General Assembly is welcome to tune in.

Meeting concluded at 7:20pm. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Cormier at Joseph.SOMD.Leaders@gmail.com