

Calvert County Public Schools
Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee

FINAL

Meeting Minutes February 13, 2024

Attendees:

Chair, Joseph Cormier
Secretary, Ashton Felton
Director, Special Education Department, Dr. Kendy Anderson
Samantha Mathieson, Parent
Adam Keesee, CCPS Secondary Transition Specialist
Kara Muffley, Parent, CCPS Data Manager
Kristina Tchoumak, CCPS Family Support Specialist
Shelley Baden, Parent
Sarah Noland, CCPS Math Specialist
Susan Dudley, CCPS Physical Therapist

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began promptly at 6:30. Mr. Cormier held introductions and went over meeting norms and expectations.

Meeting Minute Approval

Minutes from January 2024 were sent via email previously. No input given. Motion for approval by Mrs. Felton, second by Ms. Baden. Minutes approved and will be posted to webpage.

SDI Update by Sarah Noland, CCPS Math Specialist.

Sarah Noland, Math Specialist gave a brief update on SDI in the district. All High Schools have completed this training with their special educators. Middle Schools have completed all except one. All Elementary Schools have been exposed and begun to complete the training. Dr Anderson explained that schools are eager to share with their general educators, and some school have already done so. This is a goal for the 2025 school year.

SECAC Awards

CHANGE IN LOCATION. SECAC awards will be held at HHS this year. Still April 17th at 6:30. Please let Ashton know if you would like to be a judge of nomination forms. Nomination forms are live through March. So far, over 70 nominations have been received. We will be looking for donations of snacks/refreshments. Ashton will be point of contact for that. This years event

[SECAC Awards Nomination Form](#)

Directors Report/Treasury Report

No change in budget. Upcoming Inclusive Practices conference in August. Once information is available, SECAC would be happy to sponsor someone to attend.

This is very early to discuss a staffing plan. District will have very tight and restricted budget that may include cuts depending on future conversations. As soon as staffing is put together, Dr. Anderson will make a report to SECAC.

Public Comment

- **SECAC is NON-POLITICAL and NON-PARTISAN** We do not endorse candidates nor make statements for particular parties. This is a huge year for local elections that will impact families in Calvert. Please do your own research and reach out if you need assistance in finding voter information. Every vote counts.
- There are lots of great spring events and offerings through the Therapeutic Recreation department with Parks and Rec. Summer programs are also available to sign up for.
- A question was asked about ages of students that get referred to DORS. 14 is the beginning. Once older, there are now more inclusive programming programs through UMD.
- MD Council of disabilities has lots of information regarding accessible playgrounds and gathering information to determine needs, and creating a framework for local impact.

Calendar Items and Final Thoughts

- Calvert Basics – Next event February 28th @ CCS
- 3/6/24 – DDA & DORS informational session – Virtual @ 6:30, please reach out to Adam Keesee or Kristina Tchoumak with questions.
- 3/8/24 – Annual Try College for a Day. This is by invite only, please look for information coming from your child's high school
- 3/23/24 – Annual Therapeutic Recreation Duck Race. Visit Parks and Rec for more information.
- 4/10/24 – Lawyer informational session for parents of students with disabilities @6:30 in BOE Media Center.
- 4/26/24 – Secondary Transition Expo – More information forthcoming.

Future meeting dates: March 12th, April 17th (SECAC Awards), May 7th, June 11th (executive board meeting). All meetings are at 6:30pm and will be held virtually.

Please reach out to us at any time if you have questions or are looking for resources.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.