

**Greenwich Special Education Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2023**  
**Zoom meeting, 6:30pm**

- A. Attendance- Jenni Reynolds, Andi Cosby, Chris Lovermi, Abby Anders, Alexandra Saltis, Audra O'Donovan, Beth Forger, Christine Ziblich, Daniel Katz, Danielle Polizzi, Dawn Zimmerman, Eugene Matejek, Julia Reisch, Kiera Lewis, Leah Zilich, Lisa Berluti, Liz Kitselman, Margaret Carter, Mary Callison, Michele Iannello, Pedro Camos, Sandra Sosa, Silke Oellrich, Stacey Heiligenthaler, Robin Leader
- B. Welcome and Opening Remarks from Chairperson
  - 1. Dr. Heiligenthaler gave her updates.
- C. Public Comment – no comment
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 9/26/23
  - 1. Motion to approve by Abby Anders
  - 2. Second by Dawn Zimmerman and approved.
- E. SEAC Spotlight: Person Centered Planning (PCP), Chris Lovermi
  - 1. PATH – Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope, person centered planning.
  - 2. PCP has been around for more than 25 years.
  - 3. MAPS, Circle of Support and PATH are all examples of this.
  - 4. PATH is not a PPT or decision-making meeting, it is just a brainstorming meeting.
  - 5. A set of tools for listening and learning
  - 6. Informal Transition Assessment tool
  - 7. It challenges us to discover and invent a personal dream for people, to craft a pattern of living that increases people's participation and belonging in community life.
  - 8. PATH is an ongoing process, updated annually to assist the team and family in future planning.
  - 9. Age out at age 22
  - 10. 5-year vision, what are the challenges, what works, resources needed
  - 11. Action plan for next year to make 5-year vision a reality.
  - 12. Help to foster relationships between families and service providers.
  - 13. Slideshow will be shared in [SEAC resource folder](#)
- F. Enrichment Committee Updates and Discussion
  - 1. In October we had a 2-part series for enrichment with Dan and Samuel Habib. It was a great presentation, and we have a [new resource bank](#) on One Drive with all our materials, including the presentations and slides/handouts of all past enrichment presentations.
    - 1. Resources for building inclusivity, all past presentations, slideshows, and handouts

2. If anyone has ideas of other things that would be helpful to include, please let us know!
    3. Password for these resources is – SEACresources!
  - b. Enrichment ideas for winter/spring - ideally from in-house
    1. Usually do 2 enrichment events per year
    2. Would like to have an extended spotlight, please let us know if you have ideas for a panel or presentation for this year.
  - c. Ideas for spotlights: wellness center, Community Connections
    1. Email us at [greenwichseac@gmail.com](mailto:greenwichseac@gmail.com) if you have ideas.
- G. Committee Updates
  1. Finalized the working committees for this year – inclusion and staffing.
  2. If you signed up for a meeting and have not received meeting details, please let us know.
  3. There is also the nominating committee that we are working to finalize but need more members.
  4. You can be a committee member even if you are not a voting member.
  5. Committees have just formed - not too late to sign up. Still looking for chairs
- H. Adjournment
  - a. Next meeting Jan 16
  - b. Happy holiday season