

Suffield Board of Education
Community Engagement & Public Relations Subcommittee
Central Office Conference Room and via Zoom
April 26, 2024
8:30 am

Present:

Debra Dudack, Maureen Sattan, Brian Fry, Superintendent Timothy Van Tasel, Ed.D., and Director of Special Services Dianna Kelley, Ed.D.

Absent:

Glenn Gazdik and Sam Toskin

Subcommittee chair Debra Dudack called the meeting to order at 8:38 am. Subcommittee members discussed the following topics:

- **Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SPED PAC):** Discussion centered on whether it would be feasible to re-launch this parent-led group or a similar parent-led group such as Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA). Dr. Kelley is planning to email parents to assess interest. Meanwhile, Dr. Kelley continues to offer programming to parents such as guest speakers and transition evenings. A dyslexia series is planned for the fall.
- **Community Outreach Discussion:** Discussion centered around the feasibility of the district utilizing templates for social media graphics as a way of sharing updates from the Board of Education on the district's social media platforms. The committee reviewed an example and plans to finalize templates and pilot this approach in the future.

The subcommittee plans to include the following items on future agendas:

- The Suffield Middle School Building Project
- Empathy training for students and workshop/discussion session among Board members, students and teachers to advance inclusivity at the high school.

The subcommittee adjourned at 9:25 am.