

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
January 16, 2024

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) met on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, with 8 attendees joining via a TEAMS Webinar.

Attendees: Tammy Graber, Katy Barnum, Kelli Bourke, Shelby DiFonzo, Donna Johnson, Siew Hoon Lim, Elizabeth Hillard, Nicole Schuler. Absent: Carly Gaddie, Jason Cresap, Kirsten Hanson, Sarah Weisser Kelly Ehli

Chairperson Katy Barnum called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Agenda was presented:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Assistant Director of Special Education Presentation
4. ECSE Presentation by Donna Johnson
5. Recognition of audience
6. Success Stories/Feedback
7. Work Group Updates
8. Community Events/Resources
9. Online suggestion box
10. Review open stakeholder positions: Non-teaching Staff and High School Student Representative
11. Future Agenda items
12. Establish next meeting date
13. Adjournment of meeting

Chairperson Katy Barnum made a correction to the minutes from 10-24-2023 meeting. Jason Cresap was absent.

Tammy Graber moved to approve minutes with correction. Siew Lim seconded the motion.

Kelli Bourke moved to approve the agenda. Siew Lim seconded the motion.

Special Education Leadership Updates:

Ms. Shelby DiFonzo, Assistant Director of Standard Based Instruction and Special Education

- Presentation on Inclusion and Inclusive Practices
- Child Count
- ECSE Presentation by Mrs. Donna Johnson

Refer to 01-16-2024 presentation on the website.

Recognition of audience

Chairperson Katy Barnum opened the floor for public comment.

- No public comment

Success Stories/Feedback

Chairperson Katy Barnum reported a success story of Inclusion at Carl Ben Middle School. She helped with a school dance, lots of students attended with all different abilities, everyone was dancing and playing games.

Work Group Updates

Work Group meet regarding Bylaws in December

- Chairperson Katy Barnum discussed need for more information on SEPAC for parents and parent involvement.

Supporting our Community

No update at this time.

Open Stakeholders positions

Non-teaching and High School Student Representative

Future Agenda Items

HOPE Inc. presentation-Ms. DiFonzo will arrange.

Ms. DiFonzo to provide updates on ability to provide comments via the website.

Meeting Timeline

The next FPS SEPAC meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Are there topics you would like to discuss?

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