Brielle Elementary Parent Advisory Group

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We provide information, updates and resources for parents!

ABOUT US

A group of parents, teachers and administrators who collaborate together on policies, programs, practices and services which have an impact on students who require support academically, socially and/or emotionally.

REASONS TO JOIN

• Understanding/Support – extending support sometimes beyond the classroom from families with similar experiences offering advice / resources

• **Connections** – offering opportunities to network among parents, teachers and administration with meetings, speakers and activities

• Education – responding to questions and arranging topical speakers about the often complicated special education, 504, social and emotional systems

• **Student Programs** – connecting students with special needs to those with or without special needs through formal and informal meetings/activities

• Parent Programs - arranging speakers on relevant topics and hosting parent socials

• District-Wide Scope - representing students from all grades in the Brielle School District

CONTACT INFORMATION

Visit us at <u>www.brielleschool.org</u> under the Community Links Tab.

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MISSION

A district-wide BEPAG, building strong partnerships among teachers, parents, students, administration, and the community so that students with special education services, Section 504 accommodations, or in need of any support will be better understood, integrated and embraced by our school and community.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS @ BES and/or Zoom

All Are Welcome

October 26, 2023 7pm - Meet and Greet - Begin the year understanding the plans and programs of our Parent Advisory Group January 9, 2024 7pm - Topic TBD March 7, 2024 7pm - Topic TBD May 2, 2024 7pm - Topic TBD

Changes Implemented In Our First Year

- The Board of Education approved hiring two additional interventionists for the 2022-2023 school year. This will help with bridging the gap for students who are behind academically.
- The Board of Education approved and hired a part-time Guidance Counselor, in addition to our current full-time counselor and her intern for the remainder of the school year in 2022.
- We suggested and had approved by administration to place students IEP's and 504 plans electronically on Genesis for parents to view.
- Quarterly progress reports for students who are classified are now on Genesis as well for parents to view vs. receiving them in the mail.
- The Brielle Parent Advisory Group was added to the BES District Website. Our page can be found under Community Links. We update our site with resources for parents after our meetings and throughout the year.
- Kelly Baldino and Jennifer Bard, co-organizers of our group, took the SPAN Parent Resource Training to become advocates for parents in our community.
- We suggested to the administration that when assemblies on specific topics are presented to our children, that the parents be notified so that they can continue talking with their children about what they learned.
- Our Speech Therapists and ELA/Math Interventionists at BES presented at two of our meetings this year.