

## **Special Education Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 9/19/2024**

Back to School Social with Family Support

9/19/2024 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Carroll Springs School  
495 S Center St  
Westminster, MD 21157

1. Introduction of Executive Committee Members
2. Introduction of Parent Representatives, School Employee Representatives, Community Partners
3. Family Support Events for the 2024-2025 School Year
  - a. Tammy Chislom presented a broad overview of the topics that will be discussed throughout the school year.
  - b. Presentations will be begin to be taped, as appropriate, and will be added to the CCPS YouTube page to increase parent accessibility to resources
  - c. Tammy can be contacted at 410-751-3955 or [tlchish@carrollk12.org](mailto:tlchish@carrollk12.org)
4. SECAC Framework
  - a. This framework will be used to provide feedback throughout the school year.
  - b. S: Strengths
    - i. What strengths currently exist?
    - ii. What is going well?
    - iii. What are the positives?
  - c. E: Experiences
    - i. What are my experiences in this area?
    - ii. What experience is influencing my perspective?
  - d. C: Challenges
    - i. What challenges currently exist?
    - ii. What are areas of potential improvement?
  - e. A: Ask
    - i. What questions do I have?
    - ii. What additional information do I need?
  - f. C: Comment
    - i. As a member of SECAC my comment/feedback is.....

5. Forms will be provided at the end of each meeting to gather feedback and guide advisory to the Board of Education
6. Networking and Connections
  - a. 21 Parent and/ or SECAC school members
  - b. 3 Community Partners
  - c. 6 School based employees
  - d. Total 30 people in attendance
7. Next meeting
  - a. October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6pm-7:30 at Carroll Community College

### **SECAC- Back to School Social- Feedback Survey**

Total 11 responses: 7 Attended; 4 did not

For those that did not attend, reasons include:

- Kid had sport, family emergency, schedule conflict, no response provided

For those who did attend-

- 2 people was first meeting
- 5 people not their first meeting

Overall, how would you rate this event?

- 2 people rated it as excellent
- 5 people rated it as good

What changes would you make to improve this event in the future?

- more seating options
- more seating
- I am just wondering what we can do to get more people there! It would be really nice to have more parent reps attend to find out what SECAC is about.
- A facilitated ice breaker to encourage more parent mingling for new people.

S: What are the strengths of SECAC?

- It's filled with members who want the best.

- Seems that there is wide range of ideas and opinions that members and parents can collectively come up with and together on to present to the board and ways to further improve our children's education
- more families attending, across grade levels
- Information, communication
- Great group and great discussions
- Advocacy for children with special needs.
- place to hopefully address the needs of the Special Education community to better serve the children and help the teachers
- Collaboration between parents and CCPS staff
- Building support for students and parents
- Parent Voice

E: What are your experiences with SECAC?

- Great.
- First time going didn't know anything about the group till tonight
- school employee
- Well organized
- None so far
- The feeling of being part of getting Fall Fest back!
- This is my first year being part of the group
- first time
- good
- Liaison for 1 year
- Good resource for feedback and discussion

C: What are the challenges or areas of potential improvement for SECAC?

- We discuss a lot, we may need to focus on less and push for change in those areas and seeing it through for the following year.
- First meeting waiting to see
- having more families attend, board member attends
- Getting knowledge about organization out there more
- NA
- Can't change everything
- NA

- NA
- More parent involvement
- Making more people aware of secac so more people join
- ???

A: What questions do you have regarding SECAC?

- None
- Not as of yet
- N/a
- None
- How early do families get information about Transitioning Youth or adult services?
- None
- Nothing right now
- is this a safe place to voice concerns and opinions?
- None
- Why are LFI programs going away?
- How can we get more parents involved/informed?

C: As a member of SECAC my comment or feedback regarding the SECAC Board Committee is....

- None
- First meeting still need some time
- I appreciate this opportunity to work with families in a support manner
- N/a
- NA
- This is a great committee
- I am looking forward to joining this group and learning more about the advisory council
- None at this time
- Not sure right not
- No feedback
- Thanks for your service.

As a member of SECAC, do you have any feedback regarding the calendar?

- Do not extend the school year, more 1/2 days are fine for me.
- professional development days are not spread throughout the school year
- I don't see why Spring Break has to start on Thursday. I feel starting on Good Friday is fine. I don't really see anywhere else that can be changed other than starting school a week early.

In effort to provide more professional development for educators, how much would you support starting the school year BEFORE labor day? 0-10

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In effort to provide more professional development for educators, how much would you support pushing back the END of the school year ?

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In effort to provide more professional development for educators, how much would you support adding early dismissal days?

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