

Calvert County Public Schools
Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee

FINAL

Meeting Minutes October 15, 2024

Attendees:

Joe Cormier, Chairperson
Kendy Anderson, Director of Special Education
Shelley Baden, Vice-Chairperson
Ashton Felton, Secretary
Robin Sanders, Assistant Area Director, Calvert Special Olympics
Smantha Matheison, Parent, IA
Michelle Shifflet, Parent, OT Assistant
Lindsee Harrell, Parent, Teacher
Kristina Tchoumak, FSS Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 6:30. Mr. Cormier reviewed the agenda.

Meeting Minute Approval

Minutes from the September 2024 Meeting were reviewed. No input or changes were received. Approved to post. Will move forward with webpage posting.

Calvert County Special Olympics presented by Robin Sanders

Robin Sanders was present to give information about Special Olympics in Calvert County. S.O.CC is a year-round program made up of many different sports for all ages, Young Athlete (2-6 years of age) and up! Questions were posed regarding unified sports. Unified sports are run in coordination with schools. SO is no cost to parents Fundraising occurs through the annual Inspiration Walk, Polar Bear plunge, Torch Run and various other donations. You do need to have a medical form, COVID Waiver and Participation Agreement to play. Volunteers are welcome, there are Waivers, training and Sport Specific training that occurs. Sports are separated by ages and can range from skills building practices to competitive style. There are also PDU teams where coaches are on court or field. SO of CC are currently looking for anyone who would like to coach, manage websites/social media and always open to new players. Reach out to Robin Sanders at Robin4ccso@gmail.com or 410-610-6548

Directors Report/Treasury Report

No Treasury updates. There is no remaining balance from last years budget. Calvert SECAC will receive full funding for the 24-25 school year. CEC is coming to Baltimore and Early bird pricing is coming to an end. All scholarship requests should be sent to Joe or Shelley for Executive team approval. Dr Anderson reported that Supervisor of Visual and Performing arts, Mr. Wekler is working with her and his core team to bring SDI and Inclusive practices knowledge to the V – Arts staff. Dr. Anderson is partnering with MES for a Partnering with Parents book night event. Details forthcoming for how SECAC can support.

Calendar Items, Public Comment and Final Thoughts

Erins Star is an organization that serves southern Maryland with the goal of raising Autism awareness and drowning prevention. They provide free GPS tracking devices to children with Autism in SOMD and also provide information about drowning prevention and swim lessons. Website - [Erin's Star](#)

Ashton will work on adding a QR code to the parent flier for families to sign up for the distribution list. Will post new flier to the website and community events page.

- October 18th, 2024 – SECAC is partnering with CCSO for another traffic stop and resource fair event. Mrs. Felton creating flyer for event and for vendors to send out. Will be held at Harriet Brown community center. Will add to flier calendar. Mrs. Felton will work toward putting an amazon list together for any materials needed.
- October 23rd, 2024 Cyber Safety for Teens Info Night 6pm CHS
- October 30th 2024 PPMD IEP Clinic Virtual via Teams 6-9PM
- October 16th, 2024 SECAC Candidate Forum 6:00pm Twin Beaches Library
- Upcoming Meeting dates:
 - November 19th, 2024
 - NO MEETING IN DECEMBER
 - January 14, 2025
 - February 11th, 2025
 - March 11th, 2025
 - April 9th, 2025 (ANNUAL STAFF APPRECIATION AWARDS)
 - May 13th, 2025
 - June 10, 2025 (EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING)

Please reach out to us at any time if you have questions or are looking for resources.

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.