

Special Education Parent Partnership Committee (SEPPC)
Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 25, 2024
1:00 - 2:00 pm at the Orono District Office Assembly Room

Welcome/Introduction

Introduction by Corinna Graner and Melissa Martin, followed with introductions by all

Corinna Graner explains VRS - Vocational Rehabilitation Services

- Updates: Back to school night-VRS presentation
This program works with families and students seeking employment, focusing on success and one on one support. This presentation promoted employment services and this helped the families that attended the program at back to school night.

SEPPC Overview from Parent Co-Chair:

- Discussion on the focus and intention of the committee meeting.

Review of Department of Special Services Mission and develop next steps:

- Melissa Martin introduced Kelly Leibfried. Kelly is going to help facilitate and look at the Mission of this committee.
- Kelly Leibfried facilitated the group discussions regarding the mission of the Special Services.
- 2 subgroup meetings will be scheduled to help create the mission
- Please complete the online form if interested in attending these meetings:
 - [SEPPC mission development subgroup meetings](#)

Presentation from Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Orono School Strategic Priorities update:

Dr. Ruhland shared the Orono Schools Strategic Plan

Responsible:

- Committee and Orono Schools Board of Education

Timeframe:

- Reviewed every 5-7 years and is board approved. Board challenged the committee to be the most robust plan and the group committed to this challenge.

Preplanning and stakeholder engagement process started in the beginning of 2023.

Over 1000 community members participated through surveys, comprehensive surveys and community conversations at every building.