ACK-SEPAC

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Nantucket, Massachusetts

Laura Steele, Suzanne Fronzuto – Co-Chairs

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023

(Note: The meeting was held in-person in NHS conference room and via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM, facilitated by Co-chair Laura Steele. Greetings and introductions were followed by the acceptance of the September 20, 2023 minutes.

New Business:

- Elections – By vote, the current board members will continue in their current roles: Laura Steele and Suzanne Fronzuto (Co-Chairs) and Lora Kebbati (Recording Secretary)

Director Update:

- In Deb Gately's absence, Coordinator of Special Education Michelle Cadavid discussed the DESE IEP Improvement Project training she and another staff member attended on October 17th. The full-day 'training of trainers' covered technical changes, opportunities for adaptive change, effectiveness and outcomes in relation to the implementation of the new IEP form, as well as a program for training educators and other stakeholders.

  Mike Horton and Michelle presented some of the form changes with visuals from the IEP Improvement Project webpage, which can be found on the DESE website (doe.mass.edu). A link to the Department of Education also appears on the Nantucket Public Schools homepage.

  Allison Johnson will collaborate with NPS to provide this information to the private schools.

  Public Consulting Group will begin training staff in January on the new IEP management system, EDPlan.

Parent Presentation:

- Lora Kebbati – *Creating and Utilizing an IEP Binder:* Lora shared her own student's IEP binder, which she's used as a model for creating simple, customized DIY binders for others. Examples of materials to purchase, instructions on layout and assembly and tips for documentation storage were demonstrated.

Other Discussion:

- Due to bad weather on its originally scheduled date, the **Nantucket Buddy Walk** has been rescheduled for 11/11/23. The Buddy Walk is an MDSC (Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress) fundraising and awareness event. Jenn Christiansen is coordinating Nantucket's walk with Angela Knapp, MVCS.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM and was immediately followed by Uncommon Parents.

- The next meeting of the ACK-SEPAC is November 15, 2023 -

Respectfully submitted,

Lora R. Kebbati, Secretary