

Calvert County Public Schools
Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee

FINAL

Meeting Minutes OCTOBER 14, 2025

Attendees:

Ashton Felton, Chairperson
Shelley Baden, Vice-Chairperson
Lindsee Harrell, Member-at-Large
Samantha Mathieson, Member-at-Large
Dr. Kendy Anderson, Director of Special Education
Kristina Tchoumak, FSS Coordinator
Vickie Kegley, Parent
Ja Kitos, Parent
Susan Dudley, CCPS PT
Laura Rivers, CCPS Adaptive PE

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 6:30. Mrs. Felton reviewed the agenda. Norms and expectations were discussed & introductions held. Meeting PPT can be found here: [Oct 2025 PPT.pptx](#)

Meeting Minute Approval

Minutes from the September 2025 Meeting were reviewed. No input or changes were received. Minutes approved by voting members. Will move forward with webpage posting.

Directors Report/Treasury Report

No Treasury updates. Director's report will be the Special Education Action items follow up in next agenda item.

September Meeting Discussions follow up

Dr. Anderson did address topics that were brought up during the September meeting.

- Regarding Training with various specialists: Expanded offering for reading intervention training has been a priority this school year, Shift from just training teachers to making sure IA's receive the same training and are being trained regardless of if the specific intervention is needed at the time. This ensures that staff are aware beforehand, instead of trying to catch up.
- Regional Program Movement: Many moving pieces including adequate available space and transportation for children. Expansions of early childhood programs and needs had impacted more movement this year over other years. There were unpredictable numbers for this thus creating an "address as it comes" effect this year. Parents verbalized the need for consistency and more advanced notice of changes. Dr. Anderson understands that we cannot have all types of regional programs in all buildings but hopes to create more "hubs" so that students are consistently closer to their homes and peers.
- Staffing: staffing conversations to begin in December.
- Non - Public attendance: topic of concerns about increased number of students attending nonpublic placements. Dr. Anderson explained that there was some stagnancy in movement during covid due to virtual nature of service, now there is a handful of post-pandemic increase. Also explained that there is an urgency of really identifying a child's best least restrictive environment and finding the balance of

what can be provided in-district since we have a lack of nonpublic availability near to our county. Will continue to work with school teams to identify.

- Parents expressed questions on Goal Book and if data is being collected for its use along with Lives in the balance training. Dr. Anderson explained that there is no direct correlational data and that interpretations for either are not hard and fast.

Public Comment – Action Items

- Ms. Baden followed up on the Handle with Care initiative with CCSO. This is something initiated with CCSO to applicable school teams. Questions related can be directed to CCSO
- Koffee with Kendy – Will return. Topic is Mindset: Co-Regulation. 90-minute sessions for 4 Saturdays with a CCPS Behavior Specialist. Dr. Anderson to work with Mrs. Felton for a flyer and Dates.
- School health is coming in January – but an additional concern noted regarding staffing based on Medically Complex students and what the criteria is for that staffing.
- Mrs. Felton will follow up with Transportation regarding attending an upcoming meeting.

Calendar Items, Public Comment and Final Thoughts

Upcoming dates to consider:

10/17/2025 - CCPS Schools Closed for Students

10/22/2025 - CCPS Treats with the Trades CTA 5:30pm-7:00pm

10/23/2025 - CCPS BOE Meeting 6:00 PM BOE Building

10/25/2025 - CCSO Law Enforcement Torch Run 8AM Kings Landing Park

10/29/2025 Infants & Toddlers Trunk or Treat CCS 4:30-5:30

10/31/2025 - CCPS 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Students

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.