

Meeting Minutes from SECAC Meeting January 15, 2026

Family Support Upcoming Events- Tammy Chisolm

- Reported two upcoming events are in jeopardy of being cancelled due to low enrollment. **Please RSVP if interested ASAP.**
- January Events
 - January 21, 2026
 - What Happens to my Childs IEP or 504 when I leave CCPS?
 - Carroll Community College 6:00pm-7:30pm
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094FA8A822A5FF2-60321627-january#/>
 - January 27, 2026
 - Transitional vs. Self-Directed DDA Services
 - Central Office, 6:00pm-7:30pm
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094FA8A822A5FF2-60324831-january- />
- February Events
 - February 3 2026
 - Requirements for ALL: Pathways to Graduation
 - Central Office, 6:00pm-7:30pm
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094FA8A822A5FF2-59446911-december#/>
 - February 10, 2026
 - Understanding Your Child from the Inside Out (sensory regulation)
 - Carroll Springs School ***Childcare is Available*** 6:00-7:30pm
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094FA8A822A5FF2-61011287-february#/>
 - February 19, 2026
 - Legal Planning for your Special Needs child
 - Carroll Hospital Shauck Auditorium 6:00-7:30pm
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094FA8A822A5FF2-61013540-february#/>

Spotlight on SECAC' s Priority #1

- Increase and designate ongoing professional development opportunities for all staff throughout the school year, with a focus on effective implementation of curriculum, specially designed instruction, and supports that address students' academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs.
- Professional Learning Day: Scheduled Early Dismissal
 - Discussed the professional development for **all** school staff from both supervisors and school-based administrators
- Instructional Support and SSA professional learning day
 - January 26, 2026
- Student Support Assistant Onboarding
 - Collaboration between Special Education, Student Services and Human Resources
- Upcoming Summer Opportunities for Intensive Behavior Training for IAs and SSA
- New Teacher Professional Learning Days Throughout School Year
- Embedded targeted support with Instructional Consultants

Advisory and Feedback related to SECAC' s Priority #1

- Parents in support of early dismissal days
- Discussed that this is a way for staff to continue to develop skills related to special education
- Discussed that having whole team including SSA, IA, be able to work directly with Teachers during self-directed time is valuable and necessary
- Have been asking for this additional time for professional development, SECAC members do not want to see early dismissal days eliminated.
- Parents discussed that competency of staff varies. Parents shared experiences with staff who had less than ideal skills and others who had tremendous skills and abilities. Parents expressed wanting to continue to grow skills of SSA as these staff work so closely with students.

- Parents in support of SSA onboarding that started this school year. Parents expressed support for SSA onboarding; continuity if staff moves from building to building or student to student. Parents appreciate that it is a collaborative effort and that it is not solely up to the building-based administration.
- Parents questioned if substitutes are providing similar training prior to picking up special education sub positions. If provided, would more substitutes for special education position be better equipped?
- Parents discussed areas where there is room for improvement: such as consistent communication to all staff who work with student following changes made at IEP meetings, inclusivity during school wide events such as field day, PTO events, and assistive technology.

Spotlight on one Subcommittee: Membership and Governance

- Post Cards about SECAC will be ordered and shared with all schools at start of school year
- Letter to Principals will be sent in May
 - Letter will highlight this years accomplishments
 - Letter will provide guidance to help administrators select building rep
- By Laws
 - Type Changes February 19, 2026
 - Vote on Changes March 19, 2026

Look Ahead

- February 19, 2026 Advisory and Subcommittee, Carroll Community, L287, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- March 19, 2026 Focus on Priority 2, Carroll Community College, M157, 6:00- 7:30pm
- April 16, 2026 Resource and Transition Fair, Winters Mill High School, 5:00-8:00pm
- May 7, 2026 Awards Ceremony, Winters Mill High School 6:00- 7:30pm