

# MEETING MINUTES

## Special Education Advisory Council

### Building Connections to Foster Belonging & Learning for All

April 18, 2023, 11:30 am

**Welcome / Introductions** – Jen Crable welcomed everyone and she and Amie Bybee shared cookies from Matthew's Ministry Sonflower Bakery -Church of the Resurrection in Leawood.

#### **District Updates-**

**Blue Valley Food Pantry** – *Mark Schmidt* shared an update on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Job training is the priority for the food pantry. The 18-21 program is looking for someone with a green thumb to assist in helping 18-21 get started growing produce/herbs to be able to supply the food pantry.

**BV Parent SPED Handbook-** *Kristin Asquith-* The parent handbook came from a conversation in a SEAC meeting several years ago. To find handbook, go to **BV Website- Student Services- Special Education- Parent Handbook**. Kristin highlighted links to KSDE parent handbook, parent rights, and SPED process handbook. [SPED Parent Handbook](#)

**Guest Speaker:** *Kathy Burdette-* Focused on experiences her son had after exiting BV. JCCC was an amazing experience, the struggle was getting along with others at the jobsite. Good managers make a difference in successful job sites. Mental health: If anything, wished she would have focused on this, encouraged interactions and peer socialization.

**Committee/Initiative updates-** Jen Crable and Amie Bybee shared the following:

**Vision for next year-** There will be a survey for members to share their thoughts.

What was helpful this year:

- Sharing the struggle at the beginning of year in hiring people.
- The members loved transparency.
- It is tough to attend meetings when subbing, would be great to have parent notes/ cheat sheet to be sent after meeting.
- Parent lunches will pause next year, going to have a couple of parent presentations a year.

**Suggestions:**

- Mentor program among parents? Pairing parents for support, feeder-parent groups.
- Create a community outside of school

**Recognition-** Mary Degner- parent on council 15 years, this is her last meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 19th, 11:30 am  
High Plains Conference Room at DO