

MEETING MINUTES

Special Education Advisory Council

Building Connections to Foster Belonging & Learning for All

January 17, 2023, 11:30 am

Welcome / Introductions – Jen Crable and Amie Bybee welcomed everyone.

District Updates:

Transition Update – Cassandra Delmont introduced the transition website for students 14 (8th grade) and up. The stand-alone website is www.bluevalleytransition.com. There are Transition Tuesdays, one time per month on Tuesday evenings. Community service members share opportunities in the community. All meetings are recorded so they may be viewed later.

Blue Valley Community Pantry -Cassandra shared updates on the Community Food Pantry which will be opening on March 22, 2023. Students in the 18-21 Program will staff this pantry. Tours of the pantry will be available on February 9th, the evening of the SPED Resource Fair.

Job Placements for 18-21 Program - Business and job placements are continuing for the 18-21 Program with additional businesses coming on board. The latest business to join are Whataburger, City of OP; Fleet Maintenance Facility, and Consentino's Market.

Special Education Funding in BV – Jeremy McFadden, Executive Director of Finance, shared information concerning sped funding and excess cost. There were questions and discussion around this topic.

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

Parents Supporting Parents – This group meeting has moved to Sunset Grill, 14577 Metcalf Avenue. February 10th is the next meeting of Parents Supporting Parents, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM.

SPED Resource Fair – The SPED Resource Fair is scheduled for Feb. 9th from 5:00 PM -8:00 PM. Please come and join the great resource for families with students in special education.

Open Forum- Jen Crable shared information concerning the budget available to show appreciation for SPED staff in the schools. A parent suggested that general education teachers who support SPED students should be recognized also. A committee will discuss this further.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 21^h, 11:30 am
High Plains Conference Room at DO