

# MEETING MINUTES

## Special Education Advisory Council

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

Meeting via Zoom  
November 14, 2022, 11:30 am

**Welcome / Introductions** – Jen Crable introduced herself and welcomed everyone back, in person, to the first meeting of the year. Dr. Schmidt gave a brief welcome and introduced the Sped Administration team and the BOE members who sit on this committee.

Jen Crable passed out two Sunshine Baskets to be given to SPED teachers as a thank you and encouragement from two parents.

#### **Overview of Council: Goals & Objectives- Common Good**

Dr. Schmidt reviewed the goals, objectives and how the district works for the common good of all in the district. He reviewed the onboarding for SPED teachers. It went very well, and they are very appreciative of the time to come and learn together with job-alike colleagues. Jen Crable and her daughter, Avery, shared their experiences as a parent and sped student in the district. Delice Hofen also shared her son's experiences in the district and what a positive difference SPED staff have made in his life.

#### **District Update**

All of categories of staff employment were updated concerting staff shortages in the district. BV has raised the pay for Para I and Para II's, it is helping but there is still have a way to go before have all positions are filled. Student busing is going better this year, not as well as BV would like yet, but improved over last year.

A video of the 2020 Bond expenditures was shown by Mark Schmidt, the information was very impactful to see how the funds have been spent and how much was accomplished. A new Bond issue will be coming before the district in this coming school year.

#### **Committee/Initiative updates-**

Amie Bybee shared the following:

She let parents know more about the **Parents Supporting Parents** group that meets most months. The dates and times are on the BV website under SEAC Advisory Committee page.

The Special Education Resource Fair will be on Thursday, February 9, so mark your calendars. A committee will be needed to create this event and SEAC reps were encouraged to volunteer to help with this wonderful event. Heather Jenkins has volunteered to take the lead on this event so contact her if you would like to be involved.

The SEAC Co-chairs would like to see the Ability Showcase continue this year, but it will depend on a committee member or members stepping up to volunteer to chair the event.

Jen Crable encouraged everyone to volunteer to help in the activities that SEAC will initiate this year, so too much work does not fall on any one person.

### **Open Forum-**

Cassandra Delmont shared about a one time per month meeting via zoom about community opportunities for older students or students who have aged out of the system.

The food pantry for SPED students to gain life-skills is under construction and will be operational in January. Generous donors came forward to fund this project.

A general discussion was had on recognition for SPED teachers, paras and other support staff, more discussion to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, November 15th 11:30 am  
High Plains Conference Room at DO