

MEETING MINUTES

Special Education Advisory Council

BUILDING CONNECTIONS TO FOSTER BELONGING & LEARNING FOR ALL

Meeting via Zoom
April 6, 2021, 11:30 am

Members in attendance: Michele Benjamin, Stephanie Blaine, Diane Brabston, Kendall Burr, Amie Bybee, Kelli Cho-Davis, Wendy Conaway, Allison Confer, Jennifer Crable, Chris Cullinan, Jennie Davis, Mary Degner, Cassandra Delmont, April Eagan, Amy Gallentine, Melanie Gibson, Jill Gonterwitz, Heather Jenkins, Jamie Katz, Michelle Kelly, Andy Kyser, Shannon Mills, Christa Minks-Brown, Jeff Nessel, Jennie Perdieu, Michelle Powell, Cyndi Reid, Joanna Rivard, Mark Schmidt, Erika Sheets, Amy Tillery

Welcome / Introductions / Celebrations –Joanna Rivard welcomed input from everyone to share their good, bad, and silver linings regarding this year. There were many positive comments about growth with students during the year, even during the pandemic.

Special Education Updates

- **ESY 2021** – Cassandra Delmont stated there would be in-person ESY this year, June 7 thru July 8. The student contact hours will be from 8am – 12pm. EC will take place at HLC, elementary at OHE, middle and high at BVNW and the 18-21 program will remain at the BVSC.
- **Staff Vaccinations** –Out of 4000 staff, over 3000 were vaccinated at BV clinics. Some additional staff were vaccinated elsewhere. Vaccinations are opening up to students 16+ in age. BV is working with CM to staff vaccine clinics for these students.
- **Preparing for next school year**- Budget cuts beginning next year are not expected to affect overall SPED staffing. Some staff that were hired for virtual this year, will be moved to SPED positions next year. In-person learning is anticipated for next year. As in a normal school year, some students will qualify for homebound services.
- **BV SEAC 2021-22**- The consensus for next year is that many would like in-person meetings with an option for members to zoom also. This will be considered and discussed for next year.

Resource Fair Update -Diane Brabston organized the all-virtual SPED Resource Fair that took place on Thursday, March 4. The virtual fair went well for the first year, but the committee is looking forward to an in-person SPED Resource Fair next year. Everyone was very appreciative of Diane's efforts for the first ever-SPED virtual fair.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:30 am

Parent Support- Amie Bybee gave an update on the SPED parent lunches, which are through Zoom this year. At the last parent lunch, five new families attended and some good conversation regarding special education took place.

SPED Para Appreciation- Jen Crable updated everyone on the SPED para recognitions taking place this week at each school. Jen suggested sidewalk chalking with positive, thankful messages.

Open Forum- Joanna Rivard shared that this is her last meeting after membership in the committee for 9 years. Her son is graduating but she looks forward to being involved in the SPED Resource Fair next year. Everyone was very thankful for Joanna's membership and leadership!

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.