

MEETING MINUTES

Special Education Advisory Council

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BUILDING CONNECTIONS TO FOSTER BELONGING & LEARNING FOR ALL

Meeting via Zoom

January 19, 2021

11:30 am

Welcome / Introductions – Joanna Rivard welcomed everyone and then turned the meeting over to Dr. Schmidt

Listen and Learn Budget Conversation Dr. Schmidt introduced the topic of the budget for the 21-22 school year. He explained input was requested and welcomed from committee members. Becky Miller, a member of the Communications Department, shared an on-line presentation about the budget, she led everyone through the process of sharing their thoughts and ideas through the **Thought Exchange**.

[Link to video that overviews budget](#)

[Link to video of How to Participate in ThoughtExchange](#)

[Link to ThoughtExchange Question 1](#):- What do you value most and would want to see protected from budget reductions?

[Link to ThoughtExchange Question 2](#): What could we suspend, reduce or eliminate from the budget?

Staff Appreciation Committee: Jen Crable shared the importance of sharing with all staff members the appreciation families have for them. Platters with candy and notes were delivered to all buildings near Thanksgiving. Another appreciation event for the schools near Valentine's Day. Some schools are also receiving additional recognition from their sped families in addition to the recognition from the SEAC committee.

Administrator appreciation: Committee members are encouraged to write an email or note to board members and any staff they appreciate thanking them for their hard work this year.

Resource Fair: Diane Brabston hopes to have an Alternate Virtual Resource Fair this year; this will be the 11th year of hosting the SPED Resource Fair in Blue Valley. The date and time are still to be determined, but may be on March 4 from 5-8pm. If you would like to volunteer to help with this endeavor, please contact Diane.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:30 am

[Join Zoom Meeting - Link](#)

<https://bluevalleyk12.zoom.us/j/99886350282>

Parent Support: Since there are no monthly pizza lunches due to the pandemic, there will be another ZOOM pizza lunch on January 29th at 11:30 am. Watch for a zoom link sent out in an email from Tracy Edwards.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.