

MEETING MINUTES

Special Education Advisory Council

<https://bluevalleyk12.zoom.us/j/99225286199>

BUILDING CONNECTIONS TO FOSTER BELONGING & LEARNING FOR ALL

Meeting via Zoom
November 10, 2020
11:30 am

Welcome / Introductions – Joanna Rivard welcomed everyone and introduced the newest member, Maggie Heilman, who is representing Prairie Star Elementary.

Special Education Updates: Dr. Schmidt asked for feedback regarding conferences and IEP meetings via Zoom. The comments were very positive and most parents would be fine with continuing IEP meetings via ZOOM, but some would like to have the initial meeting in person.

Snow Days: Dr. Schmidt reviewed the different ways that snow days and late arrival days due to inclement weather will be handled. There were many suggestions and questions regarding teacher and para staffing via zoom on inclement weather days. Teachers should be preparing ahead of time for days that school will not be held in person due to inclement weather.

Compensatory Services: Dr. Schmidt shared the way compensatory services are to be evaluated during each quarter of the school year.

End of 1st Quarter - During parent-teacher conferences we will check to see if each student is on pace to make appropriate progress towards IEP goals.

During 2nd Quarter –Based on review of progress, teachers will focus on the skills related to goals that are behind pace. Teachers will be reallocating the time and services on the IEP to get back on pace to make appropriate progress. Teachers will be gathering data on progress during 2nd quarter to identify areas that continue to need attention.

Start of 3rd Quarter- Teachers will review data and identify which students are still not on pace to make adequate progress. If adequate progress is made, this will be communicated on progress reports. Parents can always ask for a meeting if they feel additional services are needed.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 11:30 am
[Join Zoom Meeting - Link](#)
Meeting ID: 961 4824 2208

If adequate progress is made, this will be communicated on progress reports. Parents can always ask for a meeting if they feel additional services are needed.

Compensatory Services

- Continue prioritizing current time.
- Add SPED time to IEP (time limited)
- Add SPED time to IEP (not time limited)

ESY – Cassandra Delmont shared the dates and hours for ESY, June 14, 2021 – July 15, 2021 (19 instructional days) – 8:00 – 12:00 (19 extra hours have been added due to lengthened school days.) The last week of ESY, July 12 – 15th, will focus on (technically compensatory services)

Transition Tuesday- Cassandra Delmont shared that one Tuesday a month, the secondary level will be hosting a parent night via ZOOM, which features community providers for special needs students. The first ZOOM event took place on November 10, 2020, The CDDO director, Mandy Flowers, explained opportunities they provide to the special needs community. The ZOOM presentation was recorded and will be posted.

Gating Criteria- Next week the district will review the current gating criteria and make a decision about the type of learning mode for the near future. Dr. Schmidt shared that the SPED classrooms are doing an excellent job of stopping the spread. Most cases are coming from the community, not the classrooms.

Committee/Initiative updates:

Super Para Awards: Jen Crable shared about the Super Para Award's nominations, which were put on hold last year due to the pandemic. There have been 105 nominations with the majority of nominations coming from Blue Valley staff members. Fifteen of the 105 nominations will receive a nice gift assortment delivered to their schools before Thanksgiving.

This year all sped staff at all schools will be recognized for the work they are doing with a gratitude basket delivered to each school.

Administrator appreciation: Committee members are encouraged to write a note to school principals, Dr. Merrigan, and the board members thanking them for their hard work this year.

Open Forum: Since there are no monthly pizza lunches due to the pandemic, there will be a ZOOM pizza lunch on December 4 at 11:30 am. More information to follow.

Amie Bybee thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19 2021, via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.