

MEETING MINUTES

Special Education Advisory Council

Building Connections to Foster Belonging & Learning for All

Meeting via Zoom
September 21, 2021, 11:30 am

Members in attendance: Kristin Asquith, Sarah Betlach, Stephanie Blaine, Diane Brabston, Amie Bybee, Allison Confer, Jennifer Crable, April Eagan, Amy Gallentine, Melissa Gener, Jill Gonterwitz, Maggie Heilman, Dana Hunt, Heather Jenkins, Michelle Kelly, Andy Kyser, Valerie Lewis, Mari McGraw, Shannon Mills, Natalie Mounts, Jennifer Nelson, Jennie Perdieu, Becky Pottebaum, Carrie Rahfaldt, Cyndi Reid, Mark Schmidt, Mike Seitz, Michele Stitt, Amy Tillery, Lora Walker, Erica Warren

- **Welcome / Introductions / Celebrations** –Amie Bybee and Jen Crable welcomed everyone back for the new school year and new members were introduced.
- **Overview of Council: Goals & Objectives- Common Good**
Mark Schmidt reviewed the purpose of the council, a slide presentation was used to go over the information. He shared what is happening in Blue Valley and how SPED students are impacted. Mark wants to hear the voices of SPED families; how do we meet needs and provide better services for **all** students. He wants BV to exceed requirements and make progress on all IEP goals.
- **Classified Staff and Covid Update** –Mark reviewed the great need for classified staff in all areas at BV: SPED paras and food service to name a couple. He explained the recruiting efforts that have been put in place to hire more staff.

A slide presentation was shared with COVID 19 data and information about quarantines was shared. What is considered close contact that would warrant an exclusion from school was discussed as this has caused some confusion.

- **Committee/Initiative updates**- Live events are not prohibited at this time, but ZOOM is preferred if it can accomplish the purpose of the event. The committee is hoping for a live Community Resource Fair in February and the Ability Showcase to take place in April.

- **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.
- **Open Forum**- Amie Bybee recognized Diane Brabston for her efforts organizing the Resource Fair and the Ability Showcase in the past. The committee shared that the focus this year will be teacher support and staffing and recruitment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:30 am