

SPECIAL EDUCATION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SECAC)

September 10, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm by Nori Burkhardt.

IN ATTENDANCE

Nori Burkhardt, Gabriel Rose, Stacey Behrans, Kristen Mentges, Anne Miller, Caitlin McKee, Jenny Chance, Rebecca Saduk, Marrissa Clark, Maureen Benzo, Aknea Fru and Lois Elder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read aloud from the April 2024 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Nori Burkhardt and seconded by Anne Miller. Minutes from the April 2024 meeting were approved unanimously

BOARD

Nori Burkhardt presented the Talbot County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC) By-Laws for approval. The proposed by-laws were read allowed for members. A motion to adopt the by-laws was made by Nori Burkhardt and seconded by Anne Miller. Gabriel Rose proposed to add "and custodians" after "Parents" under Article III, Section 1. Nori accepted the amendment. The motion was voted on and adopted unanimously.

BUDGET REPORT

Maureen Benzo, Treasure, provided the treasures report

- Yearly Budget: \$2,500
 - Contracted services: \$900
 - Supplies: \$900
 - Food: \$700
- Funds spent to date: \$0
- Remaining Funds: \$2,500

REPORTS

Kristin Mentges, Director of Special Education, provided her report on the work of TCPS and the goals that her office has set for the 2024-2025 school year. These goals include:

- Narrow the gap of achievement between grade level peers in English Language Arts and Math
- Provide as much instruction in general education setting
- Ensure that TCPS policy and procedures are followed in the IEP process

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Stacy Behrens, Family Support Coordinator provided information on upcoming meetings and events

2024/2025 SECAC Meeting Dates:

- December 2nd, 2024, Feb 4th, 2024, and April 8th, 2024

Upcoming events will be posted on the TCPS Family Support & Resource Center webpage.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made to forward with a Sensory Movie event at Easton Premium Cinemas for \$300 was made by Nori Burkhardt and seconded by Caitlin McKee. Motion passed Unanimously.

A Motion was made to forward with a Discovery Day in the spring at Tuckahoe for \$300 was made by Nori Burkhardt and seconded by Caitlin McKee. Motion passed Unanimously.

A proposed plan to hold a tri-county training event titled "*What to do during a Traffic Stop*" at Chesapeake College was discussed and tabled until the next SECAC meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All upcoming events, newsletters, recorded trainings & events can be found on the Family Support Page:

<https://tcps.k12.md.us/teaching-learning/special-education/family-support-resource-center/>

CLOSING

Next meeting is scheduled for December 2nd at 5:00pm

SECAC meeting moved to close at 6:19pm

Respectfully submitted by: Gabriel Rose