Special Education Parent Advisory Committee
October 20, 2021 Minutes

Present: Greg Molenda, Leanne Minshall, Crystal Cutler, Krista Voss, Ann Green, Melissa Boelter, Jennifer Pace, Brian Hagler, Cathy Blatnik, Brandy Tinkey, Latina McCausey, Alana Anderson

Absent: Michele Brock, Shelby Hicks

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Minutes from September 15, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved. Brian moved. Cathy seconded.

III. Administrative Reports
   a. Greg Molenda, Ingham ISD Director, Technical Assistance and ASD Programs
      i. ISD Policy about organizations we can partner with. We cannot promote a for-profit agency.
      ii. IEP Survey updates – will work with local directors to see if we can send directly to staff so they can share with their students and families.
      iii. PAC goals discussion and agenda items for November meeting. Are we having the impact and outreach that we want?
   b. Krista Voss, Mason Special Education Director – Things are going well. Students are mostly back in person. Students, staff, and families are getting adjusted to being back.

IV. Action Items
   a. Deviations and Waivers – None

V. Business Meeting
   i. Transition Expo – 12 out of 24 Community Partners have voiced interest in doing a more detailed video. Michigan Alliance for Families will include some links to their trainings. The deadline to send videos is Oct 28 so they will be coming in over the next week or two. The resources will be left up on the website.
   ii. Cathy Blatnik shared info about Michigan Arts Access. It is a nonprofit that promotes creativity, education and accessibility to the arts for people with disabilities. They have a handful of affiliate locations throughout Michigan. Club Create is a program for adults 18 and older. Artists in Residence is a program aimed at schools. They collaborate with schools to get arts into schools for kids with disabilities by helping every step of the way including with getting grants. Cathy will send out more info to our representatives. Everyone can look at it and see what they think of the program. Is this something that we want to take to the Directors?

Next meeting November 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting ended 6:50 pm