

## Special Education Committee

### November 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Introductions and recap of last meeting

Reminder that there will be no meeting in December, but we hope to have a social event of some kind in the Spring.

Speaker for the evening is Jade Pridgeon, a Resource teacher at the MVA.

Presentation on 504 and IEP paperwork and why it is important to read and understand the paperwork, the process behind the paperwork, and the effect it has on a student and family.

- 504 plans are named after Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

- IDEA stands for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and is the basis for the services provided, the fact that students can be in regular schools, and that all are entitled to education.

- FRAPE stands for Free Appropriate Public Education – This means that every student is legally entitled to free education that meets the needs outlined by the education system in their area. This can and does change by state and area where each student lives.

- There are 14 ways to qualify for IDEA and an IEP or 504 plan. Students must meet at least 1 of the qualifications as determined by an evaluation of individuals or a full team.

- 504 plans are created by a team. The parents must provide data to be presented at the team meeting where the qualification and accommodations will be decided on.

- IEP Parents must agree to have the student evaluated. The school then has 60 days to begin the evaluations needed or asked for after the initial consent has been given.

- 504 plans are flexible to the needs of the student and the staff.

- IEPs- Specified for the student and must be followed by staff and students. Details are important on IEPs and any ambiguity can be difficult in the long run for both the staff and student.

- Goals on and IEP can be numerous and should be specifically defined and measurable.

Presenter went through a blank IEP and spoke briefly about each section.

Medical Assistance information is asked for to help offset the cost of the services given to the student.

Medicaid and state programs help to fund the services provided to alleviate stress put on school budgets.