Citywide Council for Special Education Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Michael J Petrides Educational Complex-H102

715 Ocean Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301

Business/ Calendar Meeting Minutes

Meeting starts 6:10pm without quorum. Quorom achieve at 6:21pm

1. Co-President EM introduces the DOE Central Representatives along with representatives from Councilwoman Debi Rose and Councilman Joseph Borelli.

* Kim Robles from Staten Island District Office
* Helen Kaufman from D75
* Kevin Moran from OPT
* MaryJo Ginese from UFT Special Education
* Reps from DOE Related Services, School Psychology and NYS Regents office

2. EM explains tables are set up for attendees to ask questions on IEP implementation/concerns with the DOE representatives. Prior to that, the following concerns were brought up.

* Behavior Intervention Plan(BIP)-how are the assessed, handed out and executed
* Functional Behavior Assessment(FBA)-how are they executed
* Problems with guardianship regarding foster care-agency authority trumps the requests for services from foster parent
* Accountability-Executive Superintendents are responsible for up to 5 districts, Superintendents oversee policy gets rolled out within their own districts yet schools still vary on their IEP compliance on a case by case basis. No consistency in district policy. IEP compliance low overall.
* Suggestion made to create a PD for school staff and administrations with parent input on how to better engage parents thru the IEP meetings.
* Comments made for better planning for translation services to be provided during IEP meetings including the actual IEP document being translated into the parent’s native language
* Suggestion made for Family Guide to Special Education manual be mandatory for the schools to supply to parents of children with IEPs in the beginning of the school year and during IEP meetings. DOE Central needs to build in best practices to make sure they are being distributed.

3. Attendees broke out into info sessions at 7pm.

4. EM collected $60 for TF Girl Scout Toy Drive.

5. Member reimbursements were signed and submitted to Rose for members in attendance.

6. Info session closed out at 7:30pm. EM made closing remarks.

EM made a motion to adjourn. GC seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 7:50pm