

## **CACSE Minutes**

Monday, January, 13 2025 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Mary's County Public Schools

1. Attendance & Introductions: Brandy Powell - CACSE Chair and Chesapeake Charter School; Ashley Moorhouse – vicechair & SRMS rep; Keri Johnston - MBMS; Shelby Blair - Secretary, LM; Kristen Paul – GWCES; Anna Mudd Morris – SMCPS – SPED Supervisor; Heidi Pucheu - Chopticon High School; Leslie Popielarcheck - Turner Syndrome; Jennifer Hills- LHS; Mary Ann Tomasic – Virtual Academy Crystal Di Domenico - membership ; Jodi Gardiner – MCF -; Amanda Michie – HES;- Courtney Dagenhart; Lashonda Scott; Arnika Eskeland – Decoding Dyslexia; Audrey Ellis - Director of Special Education
2. Review & Approve Minutes
  - a. 12/ 15/24minutes reviewed/approved
3. Director of Special Education Report
  - a. Parent survey results from last year were considerably improved from 2023
  - b. Misconceptions about KKI
4. Announcements
  - a. Peer to Peer Parent Support Group - 8 parents at this month's session
  - b. Partners for Success – Robyn not present
    - i. Needs volunteers for table set up
5. Action Items
  - a. Rise Up Awards – committee just beginning the process
    - i. March 7 deadline for nominations which must be single individuals
    - ii. 3 awards for \$200
    - iii. Link is live
6. Next Steps
  - a. Updates to the CACSE website
    - i. Changes are in progress, 2024 bylaws being updates
    - ii. RAC cards – looking for current inventory count
    - iii. CACSE materials are taking up too much space at Partners for Success. – Many items have been dispersed to infants and toddlers. Need to relocate other items

- vi. The historic notebooks have been located. Looking into guidelines on whether they can be digitized
- vii. Goal to increase meeting attendance and social media presence
- viii. Budget spend down:
  - a. Table tents for IEP meetings \$550-600 motion made and approved with a discussion about storage containers
  - b. Aim to help students with SPED PRAXIS books to be bought and housed in Moakley library with any extra funds

#### 7. Open Discussion

- a. Special Olympics are attempting to split middle school and high school but need additional coaches for basketball
- b. Neuro diverse cub scout pack led by Kristen. Meeting at GVKES on Tuesday evenings 6:30-7:30 but that may change to 6:00- 7:00

#### 8. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm