

## **CACSE Minutes**

Monday, February, 10 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, LMS; Kristen Paul – GWCES; Anna Mudd Morris – SMCPS – SPED Supervisor; Heidi Pucheu - Chopticon High School; Leslie Popielarcheck - Turner Syndrome; Mary Ann Tomasic – Virtual Academy; Jodi Gardiner – MBMS; Amanda Michie – HES; Lisa Sheehan – Evergreen; Lashonda Scott: Jennifer Thelen – PHES; Lashonda Scott- GMHS; Robyn Roberts – Partners for Success; Arnika Eskeland – Decoding Dyslexia; Audrey Ellis - Director of Special Education
2. Review & Approve Minutes
  - a. 1/13/25 minutes reviewed/approved
3. Director of Special Education Report
  - a. Newsletter went out today
  - b. Parent Event night dates have changed and are updated in the newsletter
  - c. Parent survey comes out next week
  - d. Corollary sports bowling starts soon
  - e. Planning has begun for Special Olympics registration
4. Announcements
  - a. Peer to Peer Parent Support Group - 9 parents at this month's session
  - b. Partners for Success – Robyn Roberts
    - i. Dyslexia course has been changed to 2/25/25 at the Tech Center from 6-8 pm
    - ii. Charles County has partnered with Partners for Success and they have purchased books for that course that attendees will receive
    - iii. Estate Class with Joann Wood 3/5/25 at BOE 6-8 pm
    - iv. Path Finders on 3/13/25
    - v. SS course on 4/29/25 virtually
    - vi. All About Me class on 5/15/25
5. Action Items
  - a. Rise Up Awards – committee just beginning the process
    - i. March 7, 2025 deadline for nominations which must be single individuals
    - ii. 3 awards for \$200- elementary, middle, and high

- iii. 43 current nominations
- iv. Link is live

## 6. Next Steps

- a. Updates to the CACSE website are ongoing
  - i. Changes are in progress, 2024 bylaws being updates
- b. RAC cards – Current count is 1,129
  - i. Stickers 377\$
  - ii. 2500 New total would be 489\$
  - iii. Motion passed to get new cards and a quote for 1000 vs 2500
- c. Goal to increase meeting attendance and social media presence
- d. Budget spend down:
  - a. Table tents for IEP meetings purchased for \$540
  - b. Motion approved to purchase 6-quart Sterlite containers for ~\$70
  - 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. Possibility for a career advisor to speak with CACSE

## 8. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm