

CACSE Minutes
Monday, May 12, 2025 @ 6:30 pm – 7:31 pm
St. Mary's County Public Schools

- 1. Attendance & Introductions:** Keri Johnston – Margaret Brent Middle School rep; Heidi Pucheu - Chopticon High School rep; Brandy Powell - CACSE Chair and Chesapeake Charter School rep; Ashley Moorhouse – Vice Chair and Special Projects, Spring Ridge Middle School rep; Robyn Roberts – Partners for Success; LaShonda Scott; Leslie Popliarcheck – Turner Syndrome Society; Lisa; Kristen Paul – GWCES; and Audrey Ellis - Director of Special Education, SMCPS.
- 2. Review & Approve Minutes**
 - a. 04/07/25 minutes reviewed and approved
- 3. Director of Special Education Report (Ms. Ellis)**
 - a. Rise Up Awards - done!
 - b. The Parent Survey – Due 5/30/2025
 - c. Proportionate Share Group – private (schools, very small amount to help students at those schools).
 - d. Budget update for SMCPS; still in progress.
- 4. Announcements**
 - a. Peer to Peer Parent Support Group – 7 parents at this month's session
 - b. Partners for Success – remaining classes for 2024 – 2025 school year:
 - i. 5/15 All About Me class; co-host with CACSE
 - c. September 2025 there will be 2 classes held!
- 5. Action Items**
 - a. Committee Updates:
 - i. Rise Up Awards committee:
 1. 47 nominations received, 3 winners chosen, and presented at May 6th Staff Recognition Night.
 2. Thank you, Ms. Ellis, for great communication throughout the process!
 3. Leslie, Heidi, and Mary-Ann will be emailing all non-winning nominations, a copy of their nomination and a certificate.
 - ii. CACSE website committee:
 1. The website is currently down; the board + Kristen are working on fixing it.
 - b. 2024 - 2025 Priority/Goals:
 - i. 9 Praxis books ordered
 - ii. Purchased 2 acrylic RAC card holders to use at events.
 - c. 2025 – 2026 Executive Board voting:
 - i. Chair – Brandy Powell
 - ii. Vice-chair – Ashley Moorhouse
 - iii. Secretary – Shelby Blair
 - iv. Membership – Crystal DiDomenico

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6. Open Discussion

1. Re-Post the Parent Survey on FB page.
2. Guardianship successful for member without lawyer according to Leslie Popliarchek.
3. Next meeting June 9th.

7. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm