

CACSE Minutes
Monday, October 14, 2024 @ 6:30 pm – 7:31 pm
St. Mary's County Public Schools

1. Attendance & Introductions: Kristen Paul – George Washington Carver Elementary rep and Parents Place of Maryland; 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; Crystal Di Domenico -membership chair; Mary Ann Tomasic – VA career advisor; Arnika Eskeland - Decoding Dyslexia; LaShonda Scott; Anna Morris new SPED department supervisor; Jodi Gardener – Maryland Coalition of Families; Jennifer Hills – Leonardtown High School rep; Amanda; Dawn Powell; Ashley O'Neil; and Audrey Ellis - Director of Special Education, SMCPs.
2. Review & Approve Minutes
 - a. 09/09/24 minutes reviewed and approved
3. Director of Special Education Report (Audrey Ellis)
 - a. Corollary sports – cycling event went very well
 - b. Gateway Program – students ages 18-21 participated in a scarecrow project which is displayed in Leonardtown Square for all to enjoy
 - c. Audit process, in 4-year cycle, meeting with MSD Mon Oct 21st, will provide feedback at Novembers meeting
 - d. May 6th date has been set for 2024-2025 FSY staff recognition meeting in which Rise Up Awards will be presented
4. Announcements
 - a. Peer to Peer Parent Support Group –12 parents at this month's session
 - b. Partners for Success – Heidi Pucheu set up and manned the CACSE table at ADHD class by Frank Kaus on 10.10.2024. There are several upcoming Partners for Success workshops coming up over the school year.
5. Action Items
 - a. CACSE folders were assembled and distributed in Septembers SMCPs IEP Chair Meeting, 5 folders were distributed per school and 10 folders distributed to Chesapeake Charter School. Thank you to those who helped accomplish this.
 - b. CACSE members did not attend the SMCPs Department Chair Meeting held in October but did have representation thanks to Mrs. Ellis and Robyn Roberts.
 - c. Emails to Board of Education candidates sent out to 6 candidates: with 4 candidates responding, responses to be shared on social media and or email.
6. Next Steps
 - a. Next committee meeting and Peer Support meeting will be held on **Tuesday** 11/12/24 as our normal Monday meeting would fall on a Federal Holiday and No School Day.
 1. Priorities/Goals for 2024 – 2025 fiscal school year

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- i. Update RAC cards, change meeting location to zoom & add QR code. Place stickers over meeting location on remaining RAC cards.
 - ii. Increase Peer to Peer meeting attendees, Ashley Moorhouse, vice-chair will make a shareable graphic.
 - iii. Increase social media footprint, share flyers more often
 - iv. Update resources on website; Kristen, Jodi and Crystal will work on this
 - v. Update CACSE signs for events, we currently have 3 large, 1 small and a 6 ft table
 - vi. Update FB page
- b. Interest in manning each of Partners For Success workshops; create a schedule where members can sign up

2. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm