

CACSE Minutes

Monday, November 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; Keri Johnston - MBMS; Shelby Blair - Secretary, LMS; Kristen Paul – GWCES; Heidi Pucheu - CHS; MES; Audrey Ellis - Director of Special Education; Jennifer Hills – Leonardtown High; Lisa Sheehan – parent EES – Kayla Krause – parent SRMS; Lashonda Scott
2. Review & Approve Minutes
 - a. 10/13/25 minutes reviewed/approved
3. Director of Special Education Report
 - a. Recommendations are still being finalized in blueprint
 - b. MSDE – “narrowing the gap” is new language
 - c. MSDE brought in New Solutions to make recommendations to the state regarding instructional practices, scheduling and staffing solutions
 - d. MSDE assistant superintendent has moved to a new role and that position is being handled by 2 people currently during this transition
4. Announcements
 - a. Peer to Peer Parent Support Group - 4 parents at this month's session
 - b. Partners for Success – Robyn Roberts not in attendance
 - i. 11/13/25 Able Finance Program
5. Action Items
 - a. NA
6. Next Steps
 - a. Potential for a guest to speak on Med-vs-Ed-vs-Early Intervention
 - b. Rise-Up Awards will be transitioned from Leslie to a new team
 - c. Membership is still being updated
 - d. Future committee and peer-to-peer meeting on 12/8/25
7. Open Discussion
 - a. Ideas for scholarships
 - b. Parents Place virtual 12/5 5:30-6:30 Managing Challenging Behaviors of Pre-Schoolers. Practical Strategies for families

- c. Baby Leaders course – 5 sessions – free of charge. Applications being accepted started in December with room for 40 families. Virtual 2.5 hrs on Sat mornings

8. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm