

## **CACSE Minutes**

Monday, December 9, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Mary's County Public Schools

1. Attendance & Introductions: Brandy Powell - CACSE Chair and Chesapeake Charter School; Keri Johnston - MBMS; Shelby Blair - Secretary, LMS; Kristen Paul – GWCES; Anna Mudd Morris – SMCPS – SPED Supervisor; Heidi Pucheu - Membership and Chopticon High School; Leslie Popielarcheck - Turner Syndrome; Jennifer Hills- LHS; Mary Ann Tomasic – Virtual Academy ; Audrey Ellis - Director of Special Education
2. Review & Approve Minutes
  - a. 11/11/24 minutes reviewed/approved meeting
3. Director of Special Education Report
  - a. Newsletter will go out prior to holidays
  - b. Special Olympics Spring 2025 – April 24 with Ryken hosting
  - c. Feedback on state audit showed high team collaboration and positivity on case study
4. Announcements
  - a. Peer to Peer Parent Support Group - 6 parents at this month's session
  - b. Partners for Success – Robyn not present
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. Updates being made to the nomination form
6. Next Steps
  - a. Updates to the CACSE website
    - i. Changes will begin later this month
    - 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
    - iv. Folders have been dispersed at IEP Chair workshop in September and events

- v. Reminder that there is a Sign Up Genius for Volunteers for upcoming events
- vi. The historic notebooks have not been located at this point
- vii. Goal to increase meeting attendance and social media presence
- viii. Aim to help students with SPED PRAXIS

#### 7. Open Discussion

- a. Free IEP clinic on 1/9 and 1/15 in collaboration with Partners for Success
- b. Parents Place is hosting Baby Leaders in the spring for 0-5 yrs old. It will be free, virtual, and all materials are provided
- c. Potential for kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy scout troop space in an inclusive troop that meets at GKES

#### 8. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm