

## **Minutes**

### **SEPAC District-Wide Meeting**

**November 9, 2021 at 7:00pm**

1. Presentation by Elizabeth Hamblet on Transitioning from High School to College for Children with Disabilities.
  - a. Power Point Slide Deck distributed to all SEPAC members.
  
2. Presentation by Dr. MacKay:
  - a. Additional new staff in the District:
    - i. Victoria Lubrano, Supervisor of Special Services
    - ii. New LDTCs at Byrd and Central
    - iii. BCBA
    - iv. Three wellness counsellors
  
  - b. The Wellness Center has opened in the MS/HS, being utilized by students. Counsellors running groups and activities at lunchtime. Counsellors go to classrooms to conduct mini-lessons.
  
  - c. Two new autism programs running in the District.
  
  - d. Names for Self-Contained Programs (PreSchool, K-2, 3-5, Autism): Currently meeting with stakeholders. New names should be rolled out quickly. Any parents with opinions/creative on names, please call Dr. MacKay to provide input.
  
  - e. Adapted and In-Class Support indicated on student schedules. Working with school counselling department. All agree this needs to be taken care of. They are currently in the process on working on back-end things, not how students will view schedules. Anticipate that being a change that will be implemented with Genesis.
  
  - f. Implemented a means of tracking teachers reading IEPs on Genesis. They can see if IEPs are not being read. They are aware that there are new teachers at the beginning of marking period/semesters, so teachers will need to re-read or read for the first time certain students' IEPs. They can send out notification for teachers about this. If teachers have questions on how to best implement accommodations or modifications, they can reach out to case manager, Victoria Lubrano, and Dr. MacKay for help.
  
  - g. Shared Classroom in elementary schools: No definitive solution on shared classrooms at this time. District is looking into better uses of spaces and scheduling.

3. Elementary School Parent/Guardian SEPAC group will have its pre-meeting. It will be scheduled by Catherine Laiosa in January. Kristen Hochleutner will be organizing Byrd parents/guardians and working with Catherine Laiosa.
4. Please provide any topics that are important to elementary schools for next speaker.
5. Out of district parents should contact their case manager to figure out how to get communications regarding clubs and activities.
6. Case manager reach out inconsistent. Letters go out in the spring \ summer after IEP meetings. If a parent hasn't been contacted yet, please reach out to Special Services department.
7. Imbalance of Collab Class in Middle School. This was a master schedule issue, but the District will take into consideration the numbers in the classes. It is not always avoidable to have many students with IEPs in a collaborative class.
8. Aides at the elementary level. District is aware and working on it but it was circumstantial (7-8 resigned Labor Day weekend). The District is currently trying to hire additional aides.
9. A parent requested that the District consider providing additional collaborative classes in the elementary schools.
10. Elementary parents/guardians SEPAC meetings: Catherine Laoisa will host parent/guardian only date TBD.
11. Next MS/HS parent/guardian only meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86875801898?pwd=eExnN29nWFhqWE9DdkM3RE9nbmFDZz09>  
Meeting ID: 868 7580 1898  
Passcode: 281499
12. Next District-wide meeting with administration scheduled for January 26 at 7:00 pm:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83282321153?pwd=eU9CZ2FCZmFQZlhiUHBvS2FFTElJZz09>  
Meeting ID: 832 8232 1153  
Passcode: 001343
13. If you want to sign up for SEPAC to receive our emails or to ask a question, please fill out the forms available under the SEPAC link on [https://mshs.glenrocknj.org/students\\_parents/back\\_to\\_school\\_information](https://mshs.glenrocknj.org/students_parents/back_to_school_information)