



Special Education Advisory Committee
February 23, 2023
Meeting Agenda

- I. Introductions-
 - a. SEAC members – Ann Marie Kinzler, Leah Blackwell, Shara Hicks, Charisse Brooks,
 - b. School representatives – Jennifer Kiernan-Graham

- II. Discussion items:
 - a. Annual Plan -
 - i. will be up for public comment starting March 1st.
 - ii. All funds have always been used for salary and benefits for certain positions to ensure provision of FAPE for students with disabilities to be educated in the least restrictive environment. These positions allow MPCS to continue to ensure proper referrals and appropriate identification of students with disabilities.
 - b. Superintendent’s proposed budget
 - i. VDOE calculation tool was incorrect and wasn’t found until December 2022.
 - ii. If money is returned from calculation tool Superintendent has priorities listed to reinstate.
 - iii. Special education staffing for 2023-2024 school year
 1. 6 speech therapists instead of 7
 - a. VDOE has speech caseloads maximums of 68 per therapist
 - b. Some therapists will start at 60 on caseload next year, currently they are around 50 students
 - c. Cougar typically starts with a smaller caseload, but toward mid year and especially end of the year, their caseload will increase tremendously
 2. EBCS - Evidence Based Classroom Solutions
 - a. Currently we have 2 ABA therapists and 3 RBT



- b. EBCS works to support teachers with classroom behavior management as well as individual behavior management, completes FBA/BIPs, helps teachers set up (self-contained) classrooms to be conducive to learning. They have helped to continue to keep the base schools the LRE for students with behavior concerns.
 - c. This is the Superintendent's 2nd priority if VDOE reimburses due to the calculation tool error
- 3. Supervisor of PreK Programs changing to Assistant Principal
 - a. Cougar will no longer have a special education chair, instead the Assistant Principal will take on all the duties of the chair at CES and PreK, as well as additional administrative duties.
 - i. Cougar chair this year left in January
 - b. At this time, no other buildings will be following this model.
- 4. Transition Coordinator
 - a. MPHS - currently there are 3 teacher openings that are unfilled
 - b. We have been meeting all our services at MPHS even with the openings not being filled
 - c. One of the openings will move to a transition coordinator to help support students and their families as our high school kids move into adulthood.
- c. Student Service Night
 - i. FBI came in to discuss the opioid crisis - great feedback from the night
 - ii. discussed statistics/facts regarding fentanyl, how parents can create a way for students to just say no however peer pressure is so much these days, narcan



1. All clinics do have narcan and have been trained. All admin will be trained within the next month
 - iii. Next steps
 1. FBI agent will be presenting to students in middle school and high school.
 2. Look for another parent and student night toward end of April
- III. Additional discussion:
 - a. Middle school morning drop off concerns
 - i. Drop off starts at 7:05, pauses at 7:10 to let busses out of the loop, resumes at 7:15, however kids need to be in the classroom at 7:17 or are marked tardy.
 - ii. Last year there were people directing traffic and it flowed better. Tardy was marked at 7:25
- IV. Next meeting:
 - a. Transition discussion
 - b. May 11, 2023 at 6 PM - Central Office conference room and Zoom
<https://mpark-net.zoom.us/j/89166267407?pwd=SmtpcytRTEdoZGtXSkp1ak8rdEczdZ09>
- V. Adjourn 7:30 PM