

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Meeting Announcement and Invitation

**Tuesday February 18th, 2020
Northfield High School Media Center
6:30-8:00 PM**

SEAC (pronounced "SEEK") is a council of parents, educators, community members and administrators who meet to advise the District on decisions affecting students in special education.

**Please consider joining us as an advisory member.
Meetings are open to anyone interested.**

Agenda

6:30-6:45 Transition Process for Students

- Discussion for input re: transition process for students receiving special education services and their parents/guardians
- Discussed transition from school levels (early childhood to Kdg, 5th to 6th, 8th to 9th) and Transition after high school
- Consider timing - Spring meetings vs. fall start and how information is retained/shared
- It would be helpful to have information on graduation requirements and credit information when transitioning into high school - how are classes picked and what it required
- Transition from 5th grade to 6th grade is significant based on the different day structures
- Mr. Stensland shared that Faribault has a form that is completed. Northfield will reach out for a copy of the form

6:45-7:00 Progress Monitoring Data & IEP Development

- Sara Pratt shared information about the district process and the staff development/resources created and shared related to improving our data collection and analysis practices

7:00-7:15 RBT Training and Overview for our EA's

- RBT = Registered Behavior Technician
- 40 hour training provided by the behavior analysts from Northfield and Faribault as part of the Region 10 Low Incidence project
- Summer 2019, the district had 6 EAs and 6 special ed teachers participate in the training in Rochester

- We are hoping to have additional staff attend this summer to support being proactive in addressing behavior needs in the district

7:15-7:30 Roll of EA in the Special Education and General Education Classroom

- Cheryl Hall shared a handout describing Roles of the Special Education Team that can be found in the EA handbook
- Data collection is important to determine the need of EA support for students
- Goal of special education services is to help students develop skills and increase ability to be independent in their functioning

7:30-7:45 Advocacy and the Legislative Session

- Cheryl Hall will be participating in upcoming Legislative opportunities;
- March 5th, MASE (Minnesota Administrators for Special Education) Day at the Capital and MASA/MASE Advocacy trip to Washington DC
- Cheryl distributed handouts with MASE Legislative Platform information
- MASE has reached out to PACER for potential collaboration in the legislative process

7:45-8:00 Update on Child Count and Budget Implication

- Special education child count has increased by approximately 45 students in the past year - Current Child Count is 680 students in the district receiving special education services
- Percentage of students in Northfield receiving special education is slightly under 15%
- This increase is similar to the national trend
- The current cross subsidy (special education costs paid from the general fund) is approximately \$5 million

7:45-8:00 Updates on Building Projects

- did not discuss

8:00 adjourn

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