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

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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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