

CAC Special Education Committee – Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2019

In attendance:

Committee Members: Sarah Thompson, Sarah Siddiqui, Ruth Beckner, Chanda Schwartz, Avita Odom, Mary Hogan and Leatrice Satterwhite.

I. Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. The 11/13/18 meeting minutes were presented for review. Chanda S. made a motion to approve the 11/13/18 minutes; Seconded by Avita O. Approval of minutes made by voice vote.

II. IV. Public Comment

Sarah T. called for Public Comment. None was raised.

III. New Business

Sarah T. presented discussed the role of co-chairs and the responsibilities included in filling a role. She stated she and Sarah S. would continue as co-chairs but asked Avita and Chanda if they would consider taking on the roles of additional co-chairs. She also said Rebecca would continue to attend committee meetings but would not be a co-chair. Chanda and Avita accepted.

Secondly she presented the draft report. The discussion focused on different initiatives for the 2019/2020 school year. These included:

- Preschool outreach to parents to increase committee size. Leatrice suggested we visit when the preschool was hosting a parent workshop (such as toilet training your child) or other popular event. Leatrice said she would reach out to the principals to find out what events they typically hosted that were popular with the parents. The committee also felt it made sense to reach out to the two elementary schools (on opposite sides of the district) which have the largest % of IEP's. These were preliminarily identified as Prairieview Elementary and Highland Elementary. It was decided we would visit those schools on curriculum nights and reach out to parents.
- We discussed several potential topics for programs next year. See the committee year-end report for a summary of these topics.
- It was also discussed that some of our past popular programs needed to be repeated again as our parents continually change and the needs of their children change as they age up.
- The committee discussed several sources for obtaining speakers. Sarah mentioned that Sherri Schneider has agreed to come back and present on benefits again. The committee welcomed this since Sherri is our most popular speaker and asked Sarah to follow up to secure an October date with Sherri and the library.

IV. Other Business

None

Chanda S. moved to adjourn; Avita O. seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Sarah Siddiqui and Sarah Thompson, CAC Special Education Committee Co-Chairs.