

MINUTES OF SECAC MEETING

26 February 2020

*Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM
at the Kent County Middle School media center*

Attendees: Nancy Martin, Wendy Keen, Elizabeth Proffitt, Ken Smith, Aleesa Stewart, Joe Goetz, Aimee Boumiea, Michael Boumiea, Nicole in den Bosch, Anna Hall, Danielle Cudone, Dan Hushion

Refreshments & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by KCPS Special Education Supervisor Wendy Keen, who welcomed participants, introduced SECAC chair Elizabeth Proffitt and Family Support Resource Center parent coordinator Nancy Martin.

Updates:

- ◆ KCPS Special Education Department – Wendy Keen & Dan Hushion
 - State of Maryland has increased the number of Autism waivers by 600.
 - KCPS has applied for an early childhood grant for an inclusive program for three-year-olds.
 - A \$425,000/3-year peer mediation grant for transition services will promote self-advocacy for students ages 14+; Kent is first in state to have this program.
 - Thank you to the school board and KCMS principal Dr. Helen Spiri for their support of a successful application for a \$25,000 grant from The Ohio State University funding the EnvisionIT transition curriculum. During the 4th quarter, this elective course will allow 8th grade students to take career assessments, align their interests and learning styles to develop future goals, and research different career paths and steps needed to reach those goals.

- ◆ Upcoming programs & meetings –
 - 17 March: parent program *Changing Perspectives* with Sam Drazin, 5:30 PM, KCMS.
 - 25 March SECAC meeting: *Transition Planning in Kent County* with Dr. George Tilson, 5:30 PM, KCMS.
 - The next Family Support Resource Center parent information program will be Wednesday, 22 April – *Agency Linkage*.
 - May SECAC meeting will include Special Education Recognition Awards.

Program:

The meeting concluded with guest speaker Dr. Jordan Bell, who presented his program *Mindfulness for Families*, providing information on its benefits in dealing with stress and leading simple breathing/visualization exercises that can be done with children. This was followed by questions, answers & discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Martin
Acting Secretary, Kent SECAC