

MINUTES OF SECAC MEETING

29 April 2020

*Virtual meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM
via online Zoom group*

Attendees: Nancy Martin, Wendy Keen, Elizabeth Proffitt, Ken Smith, Aleesa Stewart, Joe Goetz, Kimberly Jamar, Dan Hushion, Karen Couch

The meeting was called to order by KCPS Special Education Supervisor Wendy Keen, who welcomed participants and then provided updates on KCPS Special Education services during the COVID-19 shut down:

- Survey of families found that about 90% of special education students have access to online services directly or through phones or hot spots
 - Educators/service providers continue to encourage communication with families of students
 - Considering compensatory services, when/if needed
 - The timeline of events –
 - by 1 April, families were contacted to check internet accessibility
 - by 3 April, IEPs were amended with parental agreement
 - by 6 April, special educators had met (virtually) with students
 - 10 April-15 May, SDI (specially designed instruction) continues to be provided
 - end of shut down, IEPs revert to previous version
 - No leniency from MSDE on assessment, eligibility, review timeline; extended timeline for needed face-to-face assessments
 - Holding electronic IEP meetings if possible
 - Parents have been very positive about teachers' efforts, especially special educators
 - Some parents who have not engaged with educators & providers have been/will be sent certified letters
- ◆ Upcoming meeting –
- 27 May SECAC meeting will be held online and include Special Education Recognition Awards.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Martin
Acting Secretary, Kent SECAC