



Benton-Stearns Education District

Special Education Advisory Council

Agenda

October 21, 2019

6:00-7:30

1. Introductions:
2. District News and Updates
 - a. Due Process Nights for Staff
 - i. BSED offers the opportunity for member district licensed staff to come together twice per year to work on due process. First one is in November. Sessions will be held in Sartell and ROCORI. Supervisors are available to assist in answering questions and supporting the teachers. This is a great resource for our teachers and districts.
 - b. Facility Updates
 - i. BSED currently has several Setting IV Programs located at the Voyagers facility in Sauk Rapids. As well as the 18-21 program, New Frontiers, on the SCTCC campus. We continue to have a waiting list for students in need of more restricted setting. The Board has given the approval to explore the option of opening a second site given the current needs and waitlist.
 - c. Behavior Analyst Position for 2019-20
 - i. BSED is contracting with a board certified behavior analyst this year to support our teams and students with additional behavior interventions and supports. We are excited to bring this resource to our teams at Setting IV and in our member districts.
 - ii. Behavior Bulletin- Shared resource with the team
 - d. MDE Monitoring Year-
 - i. BSED is in the MDE cycle year where we do file reviews across our districts. This process will take place in the next few weeks and then we will make corrections. A survey will also be sent out to get input from school staff. In March, MDE comes out to do site visits. The process will be completed around April and we will get our formal notification of findings.

- e. CTIC Update-Taste of Transition (February/March 2020)
 - i. Community Transition Interagency Committee- Focus is on transition years. During the first meeting, they are starting to plan the next Taste of Transition event. This year the focus will be geared toward case managers and teachers working in the high school and transition programs.
 - ii. Halloween Gathering October 31st (Transition Programs Collaborative) Foley hosts this event and is a collaborative between several member district transition programs. A great opportunity for students to gather together for a social event.

- 3. Resources: Bullying, ASD- Alicia shared the links for the following resources.
 - a. PACER Center <https://www.pacer.org/bullying/>
 - b. ASD Resources-
 - i. Dept. of Health <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/autism/index.html>
 - ii. MN Autism Resource Portal <https://mn.gov/autism/>
 - iii. MN DHS-Autism and Related Conditions https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/long-term-services-and-supports/eidbi/#P174_10999
 - c. MN Olmstead Plan <https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/featured-programs-initiatives/olmstead-plan/>

- 4. Alternate Assessment -MTAS (MN Test of Academic Skills)- Alicia is sitting on a workgroup at the state level for this topic.
 - a. Decision Making Chart <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/test/mn/>

- 5. MA Billing
 - a. Summary of Revenue for Districts
 - i. Alicia highlighted the process for billing and the revenue that is generated for districts from the MA Billing process.

- 6. Celebrations and Challenges
 - a. Parents shared some awesome successes as well as a few challenges.

- 7. Meeting Schedule for 2019-20
 - a. Next Meetings: February 10th, April 6th
 - b. Representation Needed From: Kimball and Rocori were not represented

8. Other Topics/Needs

- a. No other discussion occurred.