Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

October 19, 2022 Minutes

**Present**:  
PAC Representatives: Brian Hagler (Lansing), Cathy Blatnik (Okemos), Latina McCausey (Waverly), Jennifer Pace (East Lansing)  
ISD Staff: Greg Molenda, Rhiannon Schindewolf-DeShais  
Guests: Cassandra Trawitz (Special Ed Director, Lansing Charter Academy)

**Absent**: Brandy Tinkey (Leslie)

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Minutes from September 21, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved. Jen moved. Latina seconded.
3. Administrative Reports – None
4. Action Items – None
5. Business Meeting
   1. Greg Molenda: Presentation on the differences between 504s and Special Education
      1. Shared links to several resources describing 504s including information from Michigan Alliance for Families, Family Matters Fact Sheet and ISD infographic
      2. 504s include accommodations, but not services
      3. If you have an issue, you go to the 504 coordinator which is different in each district.
      4. 504s do not have the same mandates and funding as Special Education.
      5. Both are part of civil rights legislation.
      6. 504s are updated periodically but there is not a rule about needing to be updated yearly.
      7. 504s can be put into place in a work setting for accommodations. Special Education is only for educational settings.
   2. 2022-2023 Events
      1. Transition Expo: Saturday, November 12, 2022
         1. We can get in early to set-up on Friday, November 11 from 4-6pm.
         2. There will be a sign requesting attendees to mask if possible and masks will be available.
         3. Currently 11 confirmed Community Partners.
         4. Alana has confirmed two speakers. One about self determination and guardianship and the second about Social Security and working.
         5. Brian confirmed a speaker about ABLE accounts.
         6. Refreshments will include bottled water and individually wrapped snacks.
         7. Save the date was emailed to Special Ed Directors.
         8. Now that speakers have been confirmed, will work on hard copy fliers to be distributed to families.
         9. Brian will help Latina with set-up on Friday and at the event on Saturday. Other PAC representatives are invited to help if available.
      2. Career and College Expo: no information yet

Next meeting Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting ended 7:11pm