PASE Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018

Members Present: Jodi Bajko, Kristin Clark, Crystal Delaney-French, Tammi Dent, Deb Dubbink, Jeni Gushiken, Jennifer Hagemann, Kim Hare, Dana Hiemstra, Kathy Kransberger, Stacey Manning, Sara Middlebrook, Marla Schmude, Julie Scott, Katie Tanner

Guests: Bill Behrendt, Carol Lippert, Mari Price, Jann VanAirsdale

Excused: Deb Berg, Sheri Heffron, Lara Kitts, Sarah Kugler, Jill Lillis, Nate Steinberg, Lisa VanZee

I. Welcome and Announcements
Carol Lippert from East Grand Rapids joined the group tonight.

II. Approve Minutes of January 22, 2018
A motion was made to approve the minutes from January 22, 2018 and it was seconded. Motion was approved with no opposition.

III. Director’s Report
  • State and Federal Updates:
    o Trauma and Mental Health are the focus for schools and the federal dept of ed is being asked to fund training for staff in dealing with students.
    o It was shared that KCTC is doing a great job communicating safety protocols with parents
    o Laurie shared that the KISD has also received extensive training
  • Transition Expo – A couple parents and a SE director provided input about the Expo. Laurie talked about the YMCA - KTC Core Program for our students who are not able to attend KTC
  • MCEC Parent Input: 4 parents went - Four most critical components: placement, individualization, time with nondisabled peers, long term planning (4 or more years)
  • Leap Conference - March 17, 2018
  • Summer Camps - a list of summer camps and several pamphlets were distributed.
    o Carol Lippert shared with the group about IKUS Life Enrichment Services (REC Connect)
      ▪  http://ikuslife.org/
      ▪  http://ikuslife.org/rec-connect/
    o Parent discussed Camp Sunshine opportunities - one on one counselor for kids with ASD or FAS who are not able to attend a regular camp - overnight camp
    o MHSAA - may sanction sports for students with disabilities
    o One parent recommended checking into the physical demands of the camps prior to sending your children - gave an example of Camp Roger and 2 different experiences

IV. Question & Answer – Special Education Related Topics
  • KCTC Open House - what is the difference between KCTC and KTC?
    o KCTC - state certified state endorsed career tech ed facility - have some highly
technical programs and a variety of levels of programming. 2 year classroom program
  o KTC - Vocational Awareness program - 90% students with disabilities with minimal
programming options - job prep in the classroom first year and work based learning on
job site for 2nd year.

V. Public Comment and Closing
  No additional comments for closing.