SECAC Minutes 9/14/17

- 1. Open nominations for secretary/treasury. One nomination Christine Lai. All in attendance were in favor of the nominations and Christine is the new HC SECAC Sec/Treas.
- 2. Review of the issues brought by parents to the previous meeting

Looking for more specific programming in relation to specific dx, more higher functioning autism programs

Formalized Social Skills Groups that are incorporated into school day and starting early in the school year

Assistive technology how it's implemented and utilized

Partners for Success increased outreach-

Lori Ginley, reviewed Partners for Success and its' role, and how it supports Special Education needs, and assist parents to access resources

Discuss how to increase awareness of the resources available and how to best Advertise their availability and inform parents.

- 3. LISS funding Power Point Posted in minutes on SECAC page of HCPS website
- 4. Parent Training- IEP education for parents, how to read, what terms mean, so parents are more educated on how to read and understand the IEP
- 5. Homework assist- how to get parents educated on how to help with success in HW, esp if children do not discuss what was learned, or do not understand what was taught. Guidelines for improving visual aspect of math pages, as well as learning new techniques '
- 6. Allocate funding request for increased sensory rooms in all schools
- 7. Funding for staff, student, and education on disability awareness. Standardizing across county what individual schools are doing very well with
- 8. Learning module for basic training for para educators, online training is being set up and a face to face mini conference is being planned for education. Looking to involve school nurses to help differentiate between medical and or behavioral issues so appropriate action can be taken
- 9. Protecting privacy with respect to different inclusion helpers to ensure confidentiality is maintained.
- 10. HCPS applied for a grant to evaluate programs of high functioning autism, and the net steps for expansion of this program
- 11. ESY availability, funding to increase operations. Programs to make access easier across the county
- 12. Review of legislation will be discussed further during Oct meeting. In brief: evacuation plan- are individual evacuation plans needed for individual children, For example- fire-elevators would be unable to be used, child with mobility issues on third floor would be with a staff member in a refuge area, 1st responders are notified of the refuge area and child is removed safety, Seclusion-consent needed for seclusion. Harford County has been obtaining consent prior to seclusion being added to IEP. Seclusion can only be used if it is on IEP.