

SECAC Meeting – April 4, 2019

6:30pm to 8:30pm / McFaul Activity Center

TOPIC: Parent Input Forum

SECAC chairperson, Dawn Markovic, welcomed the group, and reminded of the importance of completing the MDSE Parent Survey, and how the parents' feedback helps guide the efforts to improve special education and related services in the local school system. A paper copy was mailed to the child's parent or legal guardian; or the survey can be completed online at www.mdparentsurvey.com Deadline: May 17, 2019

Colleen Sasdelli introduced the new parent coordinators for:

Partners for Success – Caroline Bond

Infants & Toddlers Family Support Network – Carie Sadowski

Dr. Susan Austin talked about the BOE capital improvement projects and distributed a list of current requests and cost. Capital projects are funded through the Harford County budget. If parents want to give input about the county's Fiscal 2020 budget, comments should be directed to County Executive, Mr. Barry Glassman. How to submit comments on the HCPS website was also explained.

During the Parent Input Forum, successes/challenges/suggestions were discussed on the topics of: IEP; 504 vs IEP; Inclusion; certificate vs diploma; and performance of your child's school. Written comments and suggestions on other topics were also received. Parents' input from the Forum is used to create the annual SECAC presentation to the BOE, and also to plan the topics and guest speakers for next year's SECAC meetings.

UPCOMING & OTHER NOTES

- Sensory Times at Harford County Public Libraries: Fallston Branch / April 13 @ 10:30 a.m
Other Diversity offerings are available at the HCPLonline.org website.
- Youth and Family Resource Festival
Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 9am-2pm
APGFCU Arena at Harford Community College
Thomas Run Road, Bel Air 21014
- Nominations for the 2019-2020 Harford County SECAC officers will be accepted at each meeting through May, and voting will be done via ballot at the June 6 meeting.

Next SECAC Meeting: *May 2, 2019 at McFaul Activities Center*

6:30-7pm Meet & Greet / 7-8:30pm Presentation by guest speaker

GUEST SPEAKER: Vincent P. Culotta, PhD, ABN **Topic:** Executive Function

(Dr. Culotta is a licensed psychologist with subspecialty training in clinical neuropsychology.)