

October 6, 2022

In Attendance

Jeanne Erdley, Kathy Pitrat, Colleen Sasdelli, Rachel Trovato, Carie Sadowski, Rachael Coyner, Ayaz Hasan, Debra Foreman, Rachel Harbin, Jennifer Hott, Stephanie Sand, Laurie Rajala, Courtney Hart, Kim Heeter, Amy Bland, Yvette Shelton, James Versace, Andrea Carter, Anna Winkel, Lauren Easten, Abigail Crone, Erna Duncan, Tom Walls, Nikki Wooton, Joy Parker, Katie York, Felisha Gadson, Wakilah Veale, Anna Koukoulis, Heather Harrison

Welcome & Announcements

1. Welcome from SECAC.
2. Upcoming Meeting on November 3, 2022 – ADHD/Executive Functioning by Vincent Culotta, Ph.D.
3. Notices for Community Events are through Facebook group and/or Email list.
4. Please leave questions and comments in the chat. It is being monitored.
5. Bylaws change recommendation (adding a membership description) was discussed. The change was approved with no one opposed.
6. Zoom norms

Director of Special Education Colleen Sasdelli

The HCPS Teacher of the Year, Ashley Gereli, has been selected as a finalist for the Maryland Teacher of the Year.

Presentations

1. Jennifer Hott from Girls On The Run – Curriculum for 3rd-9th grade girls that focuses on social/life skills incorporated with running and charity projects. No one is turned away.
2. Tom Walls from Miracle League – baseball for those with disabilities/special needs. On Saturday, ages 5-13 play at 9:30am. Ages 14+ play at 10:30am. You can register to be a buddy on the website.
3. Nikki Wooton from We Rock The Spectrum – kids' gym that specializes in inclusion.
4. Courtney Hart from Healing Hart Wellness – therapy practice with support groups. Practice has therapy dogs.
5. Annie Koukoulis from Autism Connection Inc – works with Autism Waiver. After school program and summer camp. Support services at home. Respite Care. Family consults. Social skills group.
6. Rachel Harbin from Harford County Office of Disabilities – Trunk or Treat on 10/29 from 4-6pm. Sensory Santa on 12/3. Outdoor club in spring.
7. Kathy Pitrat from ARC – On 10/13, social skills virtual class for middle/high schoolers. British Swim School is looking to start up a swim program for those with disabilities.
8. Jeanne also mentioned Special Olympics and that Belair Parks/Recreation has a Discovery League for baseball and soccer.

Book & Sensory Item Giveaway

Winners were Yevette Shelton, Carie Sadowski, Andrea Carter and Ayaz Hasan.

Q&A

Q for Tom Walls: Can you come and watch the games? A. Yes.

Q for Nikki Wooton: Do you take LISS funding? A. Yes.

Q for Courtney Hart: Are the groups in person? A. Generally, yes unless requested.

Q for Annie Koukoulis: Is there a difference between your services and ABA? A: Yes, they work with specialized goals. Autism Connection is more play with life skills.

Q for Annie Koukoulis: Is the after-school program every day? A: It's at the parent's discretion.

Q for Annie Koukoulis: What is the age range? A: Middle and high schoolers due to the autism waiver wait list.

Minutes taken by Kara Stone, Secretary/Treasurer