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Parent Support and Advisory Committee Agenda

September 20, 2018

Carlton Co. Transportation Building

1. Welcome and Introductions
Attendees: Meredith Kujala, Sherie Lillie, Becky Erickson, Jodi Anderson, Harmony Price, Jodi Anderson, Heidi Zegan, Sandi Vogel, Dena Hagen,
2. May 9, 2018 meeting minutes-none
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. Budget Requests
 - a. Transition Booklets-\$320 for publishing 350 booklets-approved by sub-committee chairs
5. New Business
 - a. Elect a 18-19 sub-committee chair
 - ~ Chair: Heidi Zegan
 - ~ Co-Chair: Dena Hagen
 - ~ Secretary: Allison Dillon
 - b. Special Education Director Report
 - i. NLSEC office move-see new physical and mailing address above
 - ii. New SpEd staff across co-op numbers down for 2018-19
 1. 12 new this year, down from 30 last year
 - iii. Special Education State Funding Cap
 1. Cross-Subsidy
 - a. statewide \$679 million in 15/16 (\$815/student)
 - i. This is what MN schools spend on unreimbursed special education funding.
 - b. NLSEC cross-subsidy \$7.9 million in 15/16
 - i. There is current lobbying to get this changed.
 - ii. In the last legislative session funding went to school safety.
 - iii. School districts still fund special education as if there is no cap.
 - iv. If more people who know about the CAP, more lobbying can happen to hopefully promote change.

- 2. Partners in Policymaking
 - iv. NLSEC Paraprofessional Conference, January 21, 2019, Location TBD
 - c. Mentoring Day Parent Strand
 - i. Would this group be interested in helping take on the Parent Strand for Mentoring Day?
 - 1. Break-out sessions verses one presenter for all parents.
 - 2. Need for more space, younger student topics, and more parent participation.
 - ii. Could there be an evening or Saturday event to provide training to parents outside of the Parent Strand of Mentoring day?
 - 1. More discussion to come one this.
 - d. Speaker for next meeting
6. Old Business
- a. Parent Packets and Parent Committee Posters out to schools
 - i. Sherie and Heidi along with Family School Support Workers/County Social Workers could help distribute packets to schools.
 - b. Parent Coaches/Advocates
 - i. Training through ARC
 - 1. IEP and 504 Information
 - 2. What does it mean to be an advocate?
 - 3. When might ARC need to be involved?
 - 4. Student Confidentiality
7. Next Meeting: November 15, 2018, Carlton Co. Transportation Building
- a. Joint meeting with Duluth's ICCOD (Interagency)
 - b. Parent committee has treats and speaker responsibility
 - i. Possible Speaker ideas: ACES, Donna LeKeander, Mental Health Panel (Northwoods, Woodland Hills, Amberwing), Grief and Loss (Cheryl Lagergren),
 - ii. Next Month's Speaker: Donna LeKeander