

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Education Center
2229 E. Buck Road
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Special Education & Pupil Services Committee Meeting

September 24, 2018

CHAIR: Judy Maginnis

Ex-Officio: Dr. Kerry Drake, President

MEMBERS:

Melanie Cunningham
James Glackin

Superintendent – Dr. Alexis McGloin

Director of Special Education & Pupil Services – George Reigle

AGENDA

1. Approval of June 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
2. MTSS Professional Development Overview
3. Presentation:
 - a. PAYS Survey Summary – George Reigle
4. Update on MDS Classroom

In order to assist in keeping an accurate record of this proceeding of this meeting, the meeting is being videotaped by the District

Mission & Vision Statement: Improve the district Special Education and Pupil Services programs by: encouraging open and honest communication across all levels in the district; encouraging a climate of collaboration among all stakeholders; understanding and adhering to state and federal mandates; supporting increased parent training and school district staff professional development; provide meaningful recommendations to the school board for changes that enable improvement. Enable all students, regardless of barriers or differing abilities, to achieve their full academic potential and prepare them for a successful transition into the community, a career, or college.

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**Education Center 2229 E. Buck Road Pennsburg, PA 18073****Special Education & Pupil Services Committee****June 12, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.****Meeting Minutes****Attendance: Mrs. Judy Maginnis, Mr. George Reigle, Mrs. Melanie Cunningham, Dr. Alexis McGloin****Absent: Mr. James Glackin**

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

1. The committee began by welcoming the public and guest speaker Mr. Thrush, special education teacher. The May 9th meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
2. The meeting began with a presentation by Mr. Thrush, special education teacher who oversees the Upper Perkiomen Work Program. Two former students who participated in the program during the 2017/2018 school year also joined the meeting. Mr. Thrush reviewed the “levels” in the program, various secured sites utilized for work experiences, the role of job coaches, highlights of the year, and program expansions for the 2018/2019 school year. The special education plan previously approved by the board was also discussed as it related to the transition program. Mr. Thrush also answered questions from the committee members including what new sites will be secured for the program and how ACT 339 and Future Ready connected to the transition program. Both committee members acknowledged the hard work of Mr. Thrush and his team as well as voiced how proud the district should be about the success of the program.
3. Mr. Reigle reviewed the Multiple Disabilities Classroom timeline including the selection of the location for the classroom, input provided by various stakeholders, review of supports being provided (i.e. related services, nursing support, technology), hiring of paraprofessionals and certified special education teacher, and support with transition of the students back to the district. Committee members asked about the age span of student, nursing supports being provided, the continuum of MDS supports currently in the district, and when a visit to the classroom can be scheduled.
4. Discussion continued including public and committee member input on committee goals for the 2018/2019 school year. The strengths of the Pupil Service and Special Education departments shared by various members include the transition program, completion and approval of the Special Education Plan, continuum of services in the district, and the dedicated special education staff in the district. A weakness includes lack of a streamlined MTSS framework in both academic and behavioral areas. Goals for the next school year included implementation of MTSS framework and rolling out of ACT 339 plan. Mr. Reigle reviewed all the behavioral and mental health supports currently in the district as well as crisis team trainings and provided an

update on future trainings for staff. Elementary SAP (student Assistance Program) was reviewed by Mr. Reigle which included overview of the mini-grant funding, number of staff trained, and referral numbers for the year.

5. Community members asked questions related to MTSS, MDS classroom, MCIU training/support for the 2018/2019 school year, and SAP. Answers were provided for each question.
6. The committee reviewed future Pupil Service/Special Education Committee Meeting dates and times.

The next committee meeting will be held on September 24th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.