

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Education & Pupil Services Committee

September 24, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Mrs. Judy Maginnis, Mr. George Reigle, Mrs. Melanie Cunningham, Mr. James Glackin and Dr. Andrea Farina

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm

1. The committee began by approving the June 12th meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously with Mr. Glackin abstaining as he was not present for the meeting.
2. Mr. George Reigle and Dr. Andrea Farina began the meeting with an overview of professional development delivered at the beginning of the school year. This included professional development at the elementary level on the underpinnings of MTSS as well as review of data, core instruction, differentiation, interventions, and social emotional support. The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit supported the training during opening week at all four buildings. The focus at the elementary level differed from that at the secondary level. The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit will continue to support professional development throughout the school year. An update will be provided at a later time.
3. Following the overview of professional development, Mr. George Reigle presented on the PAYS Survey data recently received. The presentation included an overview of protective and risk factors identified in the survey. Comparison data was presented and major changes highlighted from the 2015 and 2017 data sets. Statistically significant changes were outlined in the presentation and discussion occurred based on the results displayed. Committee members asked clarifying questions regarding significant changes and relevant initiatives and supports within the district and community. Additionally, findings of interest were shared and discussion occurred between the administrators and committee members.
4. An update on the newly opened elementary MDS classroom was shared. A review of the supports being provided in the classroom as well as the demographics of students were discussed. Updates will be provided throughout the school year and the board was encouraged to visit the classroom at a later date.
5. The committee reviewed future Pupil Service/Special Education Committee Meeting dates and times.

The next committee meeting will be held on October 22, at 6:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm.