



SESAC Chairs: Marjorie Guldan (Parent)
Pamela Talley (Parent)

SESAC Vice-Chairs: Sheila Billups (Parent)
Dawn Greenberg (Parent)

SESAC General Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021

Attendees: Carmen Brown, MSDE/Staff to SESAC; Sheila Billup, parent; Chiarra Jaffe, parent; Christine Spangler, parent/agency; Marjorie Guldan, parent; Pamela Talley, parent; Wendy Balda, parent; Sue Rattman, agency; Lindsey Goodrich, agency; Katharine Lander, agency; Christian Miele, agency; Dawn Greenberg, parent; Neil Lichter, parent/agency; Jill Hill, agency; Vittoria Aiello, parent; Bobbi Pedrick, agency; Jade Gingrich, agency; Karleen Spitulnik, parent; Rene Sanzone, agency

Guests: Michele Weddle, MSDE; Kelly Meissner, MSDE

Welcome/Introductions/Approval of Minutes – Carmen Brown and SESAC Co-Chairs facilitated welcome, introductions, and review and approval of October minutes.

Public Comment – Carmen Brown noted that there were no guests in attendance or registered for public comment.

Secondary Transition Process and Timelines – Michele Weddle, DEI/SES Transition Specialist provided summary information on the delivery of secondary transition supports statewide, the individualized and statewide technical assistance and support offered by the DEI/SES to local education agencies and public agencies as they implement services for students ages 14 through 21, shared specifics of the roles of schools, parents, students, and partner agencies, and offered secondary transition resources with links, including:

Maryland Transition Planning Guide for Individuals with Disabilities
<https://www.marylandlearninglinks.org/secondary-transition-planning-guide/>
Maryland Division of Rehabilitative Services
<https://dors.maryland.gov/>
Behavioral Health Administration
<https://health.maryland.gov/bha/Pages/Index.aspx>
Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration
<https://health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/home.aspx>
Maryland Department of Labor
<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/>
Maryland Department of Disabilities
mdtransitions.org
<https://mdtransitions.org/transition-guide/>

DEI/SES Budget/Blueprint for Maryland's Future and SESAC Testimony – Pam Talley & Wendy Balda, SECAC Co-Chairs presented summary information on Blueprint for Maryland's Future. They provided an overview of the passed bill, the 13-year investment in Maryland schools, the focus areas of the legislation, and the anticipated impact on schools, achievement gaps, disproportionality, early childhood programming, college

and career readiness support, as well as added funding for behavioral health and other resources for students. It was suggested that members check their local education agency website or Boards of Education to learn more on Blueprint for Maryland's Future. In addition, the following links were offered:

Maryland State Education Association: <https://www.marylandeducators.org/school-funding/>

Maryland Association of Boards of Education: <https://www.mabe.org/adequacy-funding/>

Maryland State Department of Education: <https://blueprint.marylandpublicschools.org/>

Subcommittee Sessions - Carmen Brown introduced the breakout sessions and facilitated moving the members into their sessions.

- Secondary Transition Subcommittee – facilitated by **Wendy Balda & Marge Guldán**
- Legislative Session/SECAC Subcommittee – facilitated by **Pam Talley, Dawn Greenberg & Sheila Billups**

Next Meeting Date

January 28, 2022 10am-1pm

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