

STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
National Conference Center at the Holiday Inn
399 Monmouth Street
East Windsor, NJ 08520

Meeting Overview

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Members in attendance: Lauren Agoratus, Myriam Alizo, Suzanne Buchanan, Susan Colacello, Mary Ann Comparetto, Beth Kelley, Deborah Lynam, Melanie McGackin, Magaly Milton, Peggy O'Reilly, Leslie Rubinstein, Tekelah Sherrod, Fred Tchang, Dorothy Van Horn

Resource Representatives in attendance: Susan Avny, Tracy Nowlin, Nancy Mimm

Resource Representatives not in attendance: Robert Paige

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting began at 9:37 a.m.

Dr. Peggy McDonald welcomed the new members to the Council. Council members introduced themselves.

Dr. McDonald provided the Council with an update on Department of Education and Office of Special Education Program activities:

- Common Core
- Accountability (PARCC and Dynamic Learning Maps)
- Teacher Evaluation
- State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Review (APR)
 1. Indicator 17
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL), Regional Achievement Centers (RACs) and Positive Behavioral Support in Schools (PBSIS).

Council members had several questions for Dr. McDonald.

II. ORIENTATION

Paul Fogarty led an orientation session for the Council that included the state and federal requirements for State Advisory Panels (SAP), duties of the Council, participation in Stakeholder meetings, Council meeting dates and structure, Robert's Rules of Order, and housekeeping items.

The Council brainstormed topics of interest that will lead to the formation of two committees for the 2014-15 School Year. A final decision will be made at the October meeting.

Council members were asked to complete and return the "Presenter Topics" worksheet and to consider nominations for Council Chair and Co-Chair by the next meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in East Windsor

IV. LUNCH