**Special Education Committee Report November/December**

Chair: Stephanie Frumkin specialed@mccpta.org

Vice Chair: Rachel Tate specialedvicechair@mccpta.org

Meetings Attended:

11/12 – Curriculum Committee Meeting (Discussed Executive Functioning Curriculum)

11/18 - SEAC Meeting

11/30 - Delegates Assembly

12/7 - Chair and Vice Chair Planning Meeting

12/8 - SEC Quarterly Meeting with MCPS Special Ed Dept. (Gwen Mason and Phil Lynch) – Topic: Staffing Shortages, Benchmark Advance Curriculum with Orton Gillingham for Students with Dyslexia, et al.

12/8 - AEI Feedback Council (2e Representative)

12/8 - MCCPTA Board of Directors Meeting

Ongoing Work:

Promoting SEC Facebook group

Fielding special education parent emails

Promoting our upcoming quarterly speaker event

Following up on MPIA Request regarding staff training

Advocacy for families with students with disabilities

Maintaining the SEC Facebook Page

Communication with SEC and Special Education Representatives

Improving IEPs (how they are written and implementation)

Know Your Rights – for parents

Planned the Following Meetings and Events:

* December 8 at 12:00 p.m. - SEC 2nd Quarterly Meeting with MCPS Special Ed Dept. (Gwen Mason and Phil Lynch); Topic: Staffing Shortages, Benchmark Advance Curriculum with Orton Gillingham for Students with Dyslexia, et al.
* December 15 at 8:00 p.m. - SEC Committee and Special Education Reps Presentation with Dr. Gwen Mason, Associate Superintendent of Special Education and Phil Lynch; Topic: Special Education Staffing Shortages and The History of Special Education in MCPS
* January 6 at 8:00 p.m. - SEC Committee and Special Education Reps Meeting with presentation on Neurodiversity by Dr. Jaclyn Halpern and Laura Morlok (psychologist and counselor/therapist)
* January 11 at 12:00 p.m. - Meeting with Phil Lynch and MCCPTA to support the legislation on fully funding IDEA
* January 13 at 8:00 p.m. – SEC 2nd Quarterly Speakers: Brian Gruber and Kimberly Glassman – Topic: Solving IEP Meeting Disagreements: Legal Paths for Resolving Special Education Issues
* March 2 at 8:00 p.m. - SEC and Special Education Committee Presentation with Dr. Gwen Mason; Topics Solicited by SEC members and Q&A
* March 15 at 12:00 p.m. - SEC 3rd Quarterly Meeting with MCPS Special Ed Dept.; Topic: Staff Training related to Special Education laws/policy and general education teachers understanding how to help students with high incidence disabilities
* March 22 at 8:00 p.m. - SEC Quarterly Meeting with MCPS Special Ed Dept. (Gwen Mason and Phil Lynch); Topic: TBD
* March 23 at 8:00 p.m. – SEC 3rd Quarterly Speaker (joint with GEC): Sarah Jackson, MCPS 2e Instructional Specialist; Topic: Serving 2e Students and Programs
* May 25 at 8:00 p.m. – SEC 4th Quarterly Speaker: Diana Wyles; Topic: Resolution and Compliance Unit and Dispute Resolutions Options
* June ? at 12:00 p.m. - SEC 4th Quarterly Meeting with MCPS Special Ed Dept. (Gwen Mason and Phil Lynch); Topic: TBD