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October SpEAC minutes

- Dr Tate introduced the new Supervisor of Elementary Special Education, Jason Shainline. He is replacing Mr. Frank Sein, who retired over the summer.
- The District is working on a new 3-year strategic plan that will start in 2019-2020 school year. The Administration is looking for input from all stakeholders. There will be a survey coming soon.
- The current strategic plan includes a social/emotional goal. There was a survey filled out by students grade 7-12 in the spring. The data from the survey will be used for a follow-up plan for programming around this goal.
- The school year starting off well. Settling in with a few schedule changes, included additional speech therapy hours.
- Starting this month, administration is having conversations around transition into next school year. November includes looking at the budget for next year. The administration is trying to build CST. Current case managers have heavy caseloads from 60-65+. Need more CST members. Looking to increase next school year to add half-time school psychologist and learning consultant.
- Unified Sports is up and running. Working on adding a WAMS Basketball team for the winter.
- Training is currently under way including Registered Behavior Therapy (RBT), 30-40 hours training for 4-5 paras & teachers per building with an option to test for RBT certification. November will include Crisis Prevention Intervention training.

SpEAC business:

- SpEAC is now officially a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Exempt from federal taxes and any donations can be deducted. Fundraising can now be done. SpEAC is looking for ideas for fundraising.
- Discussion around a district-wide awareness campaign (could run in April 2019), like the one done several years ago using People First language campaign. We are looking for volunteers for a committee to work on this. Some ideas include: Rock your Shoes, Inclusion Revolution and Start with Hello. Please reach out to Amy Barton, if interested.
- Also looking for volunteers for Information Planning Committee. This committee would be planning quarterly meetings for parent education that could include topic such as: Navigating the DDD system, Transition after graduation, transition from building to building (ie. WAMS to MHS), Guest Speakers, etc. SpEAC conference cancelled for this school year.
- Talked about Outreach Ideas: Possible Prize mailing, FB Survey, SpEAC Happy Hour, Marketing ideas, Local Press release, Moorestown Sun.

***Nov 15 @ 6:30-8pm, Moorestown High School Star Center, "Transitioning Out of High School" information session. Presented by the Division of Human Services. Please see SpEAC FB or website for more details and how to register for this free event. Please check out the SpEAC FB page and website for additional events.

***There are several open positions on the SpEAC Board including: Co-chair, SV school chair and UES school chair. Please reach out to Jonnene Dunne, if you are interested.

***Next meeting: 11/29 @ 9:30am, MHS Star Center