**Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from Jan 26, 2023**

In Attendance: Tanya Cox, Lisa Gates, Nicole Champney, Tiffany Montague, Brenda Boggs

1. **Presentation from Disability Resource Center (dRC) Rep- Brenda Boggs**

* There is a bill being proposed to provide dRC services in the Rappahannock County area. dRC offers:
* Peer mentoring
* Recreation, volunteer opportunities
* Transition support- school to adult life
* Special events and training, youth groups
* Provides equipment
* Work with all ages all disabilities
* The current office is located in Fredericksburg, may be able to send a rep to speak with our seniors about their services

1. **Autism Group- Tanya Cox**

* Meets every other Tuesday, 6:30 at RCHS
* Currently 9 parent members with children/youth ages 2-22
* Goal to share information and linkage to services
* Book study- complete guide to Asperger’s Syndrome
* The team is there so they can support each other!
* Goal to jointly host an Autism Walk in April 2023!
* The Autism Group will remain on the agenda for future SEAC meetings

1. **Update on Inclusive Practices for RCPS**

RCPS recently submitted a survey with an overall rating of in place and successful. RCPS continues to stress common planning time for general and special education teachers as well as professional development to improve strategies to support specialized instruction in the general education classroom for all students.

***Next Meeting: March 30 at 6:00~ Venue TBA. We will be discussing the federal application for funding for students with disabilities. Please contact Carol Johnson if you have suggestions or questions.***