

# **Minutes for Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting**

**January 30, 2025, 6:00 PM via ZOOM**

**Attendees: Carol Johnson, Kathy Zehr Rhodes, Lynnne Genho, Betsy Dietel, Barbara Black, Nargil Grigsby, Lacey Jenkins, Nicole Champney, Tara Inabinett, Sallie Morgan, Rachel Bynam, Diana Williams, Viviana Tisera, Lisa Pendleton, Veronica Leah**

**I. The agenda for the evening was a presentation by the Inspired Teaching Organization.**

**II. The Executive Director of Special Education introduced the meeting by explaining the role of the Special Education Advisory Committee and its membership. The goal of the presentation was to foster best practices in creating supportive environments for all learners in school and in the home.**

**III. Presentation by Aleta Margolis and Meag Campos from Inspired Teaching**

- 1. Inspired teaching (IT) introduced the 4 Is- Intellect, Inquiry, Imagination, and Integrity as essential to all learners.**
- 2. All children are full of potential, and not just persons to be filled up**
- 3. Asset Framing was described as a way to help children define their aspirations and contributions before addressing challenges.**
- 4. Adults should use a strengths-based approach when working with children, which is a shift from managing behavior to meeting the child's needs and aspirations.**
- 5. Behaviors are a child's ways of communicating.**
- 6. The ABCDEs of learning were shared, and how these can be leveraged to meet children's needs.**
- 7. IT shared their Resilient Children Handbook- there is a link to this and the ABCDEs on their website, <https://inspiredteaching.org/>**

**IV. Public Comment- None**

**V. Unfinished Business- None**

**VI. New Business (carried over from last meeting)- Suggestions for Future Meeting Topics- Request for a presentation from the Dept. of Rehabilitative Services**

**VII. Announcements:**

**The next SEAC Meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2025.**