

# **KRSD Parent Partnership**

## **History and Achievements**

### **June 2016-October 2020**

**June 2016** – KRSD Student Services staff, understanding the importance of Family Engagement, met with the Parent Information Center to discuss and plan for a Parent Partnership group to develop a collaborative team with KRSD Special Education Administrators and families to help foster communication, gain valuable family and community feedback regarding our students' needs.

**Sept 2016** – KRSD Student Services staff came together with the Parent Information Center to design a Kick off Meeting and come up with a project for the Parent Partnership to focus on to help get started.

**October 2016** – KRSD Parent Partnership held their first meeting to gather a team of parents and staff to help redesign the KRSD Student Support Services Website. The team together developed a monthly meeting schedule to discuss the design of the new web site and also to discuss how communication and resources can be provided to help parents who have children with special needs.

#### **November 2016 – June 2017**

- KRSD Parent Partnership worked on the Student Services web site design.
- Reviewed the data from the NH Department of Education Survey of Kearsarge Regional School District Parent Involvement in Special Education Survey Results.
- Provided input and discussion on new changes in the Reauthorization of the NH Rules and Regulations for the Education of Children with Disabilities.
- Developed a KRSD Parent Partnership Survey to gain feedback from parents about how the KRSD Parent Partnership can best support parents within the district, how and when to best connect with parents and topics of interest for families.

#### **September 2017- June 2018**

- Developed a plan based off of the results of KRSD Parent Partnership Survey
- Developed the Parent Ambassador Program made up of parents or guardians of current KRSD Students receiving Special Education Services. The parents work closely with Special Education Administrators to provide support to other families, identify community resources, and help plan educational workshops. The Parent Ambassador's contact information is available on the Student Services Website.
- Parent Ambassadors went through training with PIC on how to work with families.
- The Parent Partnership group developed a Resource Guide for Parent Ambassadors to use in helping to provide support, information and resources for parents.
- Developed a Parent Partnership Workshop Series based off of feedback from the Parent Partnership Survey.
  - January 2018 Reading Development Stages with KRSD Reading Specialist

- February 2018 Applied Behavior Analysis with Dabney Kelsey, BCBA and Hillary Foster, RBT
- March 2018 Transition Beyond High School with Terry Ohlson-Martin, NH Family Voices (moved to snow date in June)
- April 2018 Executive Functioning: How to help your child become the Boss of their Brain with Northstar Educational Services
- May 2018 Anxiety in Children/Adolescents with Christine Miller LICSW
- Developed a new action item for the Parent Partnership “Hot Topic” concerns and issues surrounding the needs of our students.
- Hot Topic item, Blizzard Bags was strategized by the Parent Partnership, how to better meet the needs of students with IEPs.
- Developed a flyer for distribution to parents explaining the KRSD Parent Partnership and providing Parent Ambassador Contact information.

### **September 2018 – June 2019**

- Developed a workshop evaluation to get feedback from workshop participants on new topics and delivery of workshops.
- Develop Blizzard Bag Survey to get parent feedback
- Hosted the Parent Information Center for a Workshop Series Event “What’s in Your Child’s IEP”.
- Parent Partnership hosted a workshop on “ABA in your home, what does that look like?”
- Blizzard Bag Survey goes out to parents.
- Blizzard Bag Surveys are analyzed and changes put in place by Student Services Administration based off of parent feedback to help in the support and accommodations of the Blizzard Bags.
- Analyzed data from the NH DOE KRSD Parent Involvement in Special Education Survey.
- Notified Admin that busses were not using snow tires in the winter. Bus company notified, and October 2019 Admin was notified that bus company was utilizing snow tires on all busses.

### **September 2019 - October 2020**

- Parent Partnership kicks off the year by trying to create better awareness of the group and what platforms we can use to create greater outreach to families.
- Parent Partnership hosts workshop on “Transition Life after High School” a night with representatives from several service providers in the state.
- Continued to stay on focus with “Hot Topics” in the community that affect children with special needs, playground design and snow tires for the school buses.
- Sponsored a presentation “Internet Safety” presented by Officer Chris Currier, New London Police.
- Focused on developing greater outreach, the Parent Partnership invited the school staff responsible for media access to the school community to discuss a way to develop an online presence for the Parent Partnership.

- Created a Facebook video for the KRSD Facebook page about the Parent Partnership group and its history.
- Planned for another Facebook video featuring Related Services Providers in the school district.
- National Health Emergency Pandemic Covid 19, NH schools ordered to close and go to remote learning.
- June 2020 Parent Partnership reconvenes monthly meetings to discuss and provide input on Special Education during a pandemic and the effects of remote learning on our students. Chairperson of the School Board in attendance.
- July 2020 Parent Partnership continues to provide input on Extended School Year Services and reopening plans for the schools in the fall, while tackling topics such as the NECC New England Center for Children program in the high school and a discussion on diplomas vs certificate of attendance.
- August 2020- to present Parent Partnership welcomes new parent participants to the group and begins the work of looking at how to best structure the group in order to adjust to the new normal. The Parent Partnership is strong in providing feedback to support the Kearsarge School District's efforts to ensure that students' needs are being met and continuing to plan to provide support and connections to families during this difficult time.