

# Special Education Committee

## March 16, 2023

**Attendees:** Dr. David Goldblatt, Carla Perez, Dr. Shivoyne Trim, Tameka Stafford, Jennifer Finnerty, Maggie Dock, Melanie Deysher, Yvonne Bouknight, Allison Silverstein

1. Program Review Update: DLC through middle schools walk throughs have been completed. Ms. Olimpio was scheduled to visit the HS and observe students with IEPs. She is meeting with representatives of Montclair Child Study Teams. Ms. Olimpio has also been asked to meet with parents to obtain parent perspective of the programs presently offered by the district. The process will then move from data collection to data analysis. Ms. Olimpio and Pupil Services are reviewing the percentage of classified students in each building and analyzing the teaching personnel (para and teachers) needed in each building to determine what structural adjustments and changes are needed for next year while continuing to review programmatic offerings.
2. Budget: Pupil Services continues to proactively examine options to submit student financial reporting data to the NJ DOE on Extraordinary Aid for district reimbursement in July. It is important to look at the needs of each individual student to maximize both funding and outcomes.
3. New Provider Review-Pupil Services has secured partnerships with Imagine and Quantum Psychotherapy, two community service providers
  - a. Imagine supports families that have been impacted by grief and loss. Presentations will be made to the Administration, all principals received training and the program will begin at the High School

- b. Quantum Psychotherapy is part of Montclair's effort to become a more trauma informed school district. This initiative will be implemented in Middle Schools
  
- 4. Review of Assistive Technology programs
  - a. Assistive technology evaluations-what devices/programs are needed by the students
  - b. Wide variety of devices and programs available to maximize independence
- 5. ESY programming-presently in planning stages.

Next meeting April 18, 2023