



1/17/19 Meeting Minutes 6-8PM  
Tenney School Auditorium

Meeting called to order by Carolyn Wilkinson, President

Suspensions & Discipline Workshop (Federation for Children with Spec Needs)

Presenter: Susan Parker-Norton, LISW & FCSN trained advocate. The workshop covered the laws & protections for students concerning school behavior & conduct, clarified the difference between suspensions, expulsions, & emergency removals and the requirements & procedures for each including parental notice and proper meetings. 8 page power point handout was given out to guide the presentation. SEPAC has extra handouts available. For students on IEPs & 504 plans a Manifest Determination special TEAM meeting must take place before a suspension can be made to ascertain whether the disability contributed or if conduct is due to IEP not being implemented properly. If yes to either then a Functional Behavioral Analysis must be done. For 504 plans no specific questions needed & no specific TEAM member attendance required. Of note Ms Parker-Norton explained that schools must have an Education Service Plan (ESP) that lists options for students expelled or suspended more than 10 consecutive days to continue education. All students suspended or expelled are entitled to earn credits, make up assignments, & to make academic progress. Long term suspended or expelled students receive tutoring, online learning, alternative school settings, Saturday school (suspended students only).

Restraints were discussed including limits on the use of restraints & restraints that should never be used. Resources to consult made available including websites & call center number at the Federation. Questions were asked & answered during the presentation.

Public Q&A after presentation as well.

Adjournment at 8:00PM