


JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
 SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY GROUP

Date & Time:	11/16/2021 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Location:	Virtual Zoom Meet SEPAG's Connect-Let's Talk Student Led Ieps
Attendance:	D. Perez, T. Acosta, M. Katz, K. Heiner, D. Monaco

Topic	Discussion Summary	Actions	Responsible Party	Due Date
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Housekeeping	Tracy Acosta went over the rules of the group and introductions			
Guest Presenter Dawn Monaco from SPAN	<p>When students are involved in their IEP meetings they engage in self determination and can practice decision-making skills.</p> <p>Key points made</p> <p>There is a Youth chat every Wed with SPAN for ages 13 and up.</p> <p>Weekly blog for youth and young adults can be found here. https://thespanyouthhub.blogspot.com/</p>	Share info	All	Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When should students become involved in IEP meetings? Students are encouraged to start taking part in IEP meetings as young as kindergarten. It can start small and be done in small steps. Early meetings can be just an introduction. By the time, they are 14, they should be involved and students can eventually run their own IEP meetings ● What can students with special needs contribute to this process? They are a critical part of the process and can help guide what they need most for accommodations, and modifications. They know what makes it easier and harder to learn. ● How can families and teachers prepare students ? Parents should encourage their children to do things for themselves at home. They can help them identify their strengths and struggles and what they need. Advocating can be done in small steps. Teachers can help the student by offering choices and encouraging independence. ● What tools are available to help students do this? Positive student profiles are helpful and there is information available on the Youth hub and Span Youtube page. 			
	<p>Youtube channel SPAN https://www.youtube.com/user/SPANAdvocacy</p>			

	<p>Student-led IEPs and youth interviews can be found here. Several examples of different students with different levels are shown.</p> <p>Email questions to Jtsepag@gmail.com</p>			
Next meeting	Jan 18, 2022 Zoom with Planning for Transition.	send info spread word.	all	ongoing

Submitted by: Michele Katz