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| Date & Time: | 01/20/2021 |
| Location: | Virtual Zoom meet Northwest Roundtable |
| Attendance: | D. Perez, T. Acosta, D. Bassin, M. Katz, K. Heiner,D. Baker, F. Ochoa, M.Wilson |

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| Topic: | Discussion Summary | Actions | Responsible Party | Date to be Actioned by |
| Northwestern Roundtable with Span. 2021 Reset  Discussion with other parents, and school members in the community.  What is SPAN  Association for Special Children and Families  NJ YMCA State Alliance  Passaic County Council for Young Children  Discussion Questions  1.How has Covid impacted your life?  2. What types of technology or digital resources have we relied on?    3. What are some difficulties that have been found with resources?  4. Would you receive the COVID19 Vaccine?  5. What is your greatest fear moving forward? | Monique spoke about SPAN’s mission is to empower families. SPAN helps families, youth, professionals and policy makers.  SPAN’s Facebook and Youtube page were shared are encouraged members to follow.  https://www.youtube.com/user/SPANAdvocacy  https://www.facebook.com/parentadvocacynetwork/  Monique introduced Julie Rikon from ASCF. They provide support for families and support groups.  <https://ascfamily.org/>  <https://www.njymca.org/>  Jule Wieczorek spoke about how the organization helps identify and address NJ residents’ needs.  Jaqueline Mastre spoke about the organization that help parents with children 0 to 8 years old.  <https://newdestinyfsc.org/pccyc/>  There was discussion about how everything was impacted. Things impacted are family time, school at home, while challenging has allowed parents to see more of what children need.  Different apps and resources mentioned were Kami, Seesaw, Clever, Google Classroom, Google Keep, Audio Books, Pear Deck, Peach Jar. Remind App, BookShare is a company that supplies people with disabilities books. Must register for it.  Discussion brought up that many parents could use education on using and navigating the resources.  Firewalls pose problems, being on camera is anxiety provoking, parents not understanding how to use the technology is a challenge.  There was a poll and discussion about who would or would not get the vaccine.  Group discussion included when will this be over and what will the new normal be. Also, the fears are what will the transition back to school be like for special needs students especially those with disabilities that transitioning is challenging. | Continue to Spread awareness about SPAN and their resources to our members.  Continue to spread awareness to our SEPAG  Prompted a discussion within SEPAG that we should be talking about what transitioning back to school will look like. | All  All  All | ongoing  ongoing |
| Next meeting | 2/9/2021 Round Table Reflect and reset for Jefferson Twp,NJ | send info and spread word to the community | all | 2/9 |

Submitted by: Michele Katz