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**Minutes**  
**Special Education Advisory Council of Virgil Browne Glencoe Charter School**  
Tuesday, March 19, 2025  
Conference Room, 12:00 p.m.

**Council Members:**

Alyce Gianfala, Chairperson, Community Member - absent  
Aprill Payton, Community Member - present  
Jessica Switzer, Member, Faculty Member - present  
Chelyn Lewis, Member, Faculty Member - present  
Joanie Bowie, Member, Parent - absent  
Becky Haydel, Member, Parent - present (online)  
Maritza Adams, Member, Parent - present  
LaGuya Brown, Member, Parent - present (online)  
**Loren Decuir, Executive Director - Present**

Also present Michelle Bishop, Brandan Trahan, Stephanie Legnon

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 12:08 pm by Mrs. Decuir ( delay due to getting Google Meets connection to work)
- II. Roll Call - Mrs. Decuir; Mrs. Decuir served as Meeting moderator due to the absence of MNrs. Gianfala.
- III. Approval of Minutes from Dec 10, 2024 meeting - Motion to approve minutes by Ms. Adams and seconded by Ms. Switzer ; all approved.
- IV. Goals for the Special Education Advisory Council as stated in the handbook were reviewed by Mrs. Decuir. Mrs. Decuir stated that it was important to remember that this council was to respond to the needs of students with disabilities and their parents and that we should remember that it is not a place to air specific complaints concerning a specific student or teacher, but she is always available to discuss concerns in private.
- V. IDEA Budgets and Allocations: Mrs. Decuir shared information regarding IDEA Allocations and Budgets for the 2024-2025 projected budget for V. B. Glencoe Charter as required by state SEAC policy.  
Ms. Lewis asked about after school tutoring. Mrs. Decuir explained that after school tutoring has not been successful in the past due to lack of attendance. We have several supports for intervention during the school day including the addition of High Dose Tutoring this year. While some sped students were not included in HDT groups, they will be when the next ten week cycle begins.
- VI. Mr. Brandan gave an update on state testing ; Self Contained students completed LEAP Connect Testing already; LEAP 2025 testing, including EOC testing for High School courses, will take place April 23- 29. Mr. Brandan informed the committee that the state is working to reduce testing time for students and that beginning in 2027 the Social Studies test will only be given in grades 3, 5, and 8. Mrs. Decuir also mentioned that there will be a reduced number of questions and writing prompts on this year's tests.
- VII. Special Olympics Update: The self contained students and some elementary students will participate in Special Olympics at WSM on 4- 4- 25. T-shirts will be given to students. Non

participating sped students will be able to attend as audience members. Mrs. Adams will serve as a chaperone.

- VIII. Questions/Comments - There were no questions or concerns from the committee or audience.
- IX. There were no recommendations for future topics.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 9 at 5:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm.