**Mideast Regional Parent Mentor Meeting**

**Brunswick High School**

**1/16/20**

**In attendance:** Laryssa Beatty, OCECD, Sandy Brickner, OCECD, Sandie Cooper, Brunswick, Tisha Eisenhuth, Twinsburg, Susan Foley, Kent/Woodridge, Kevin Groen, Green, Stacey Hartwig, Coventry, Lynday Havey, ODE, Darlene LaFontaine, Hudson, Michele McGinnis, Brunswick, Cheryl Mendel, Medina County, Sheila Raia, Nordonia Hills, Jeanne Schmidlin, Kent/Woodridge

* The meeting was opened with a presentation by the transition coordinators for the Brunswick City Schools. They shared some of their practices and programs with which they have had positive outcomes.

**OCECD update**

* Laptops and briefcases are still available for parent mentors.
* Basic Tip Tuesdays have been well attended. The next one is scheduled for March 17th.
* The spring conference is scheduled for March 12th. Additional information will be forthcoming.
* Upcoming available trainings will be on February 18th on the subject of visual impairment, and April 23rd on hearing impairment.

**ODE update**

* The parent mentor Q&A session from the OCALICON conference has been transcribed and will be made available.
* Four new Parent Mentor Program grants are being issued.
* There will be an OOD webinar for parent mentors on 1/24/20.
* ODE is considering the possibility of conducting site visits.

**Council update**

* The Care and Support Committee continues to work with new parent mentors and is in need of additional members to provide guidance and support to new parent mentors.
* The Skills and Knowledge Committee continues to be in need of additional members. There was a general discussion on what the expectations of members of this committee are.

**Roundtable discussion**

* There was limited roundtable discussion due to lack of time.
* The next Parent Access Collaborative (PAC) meeting will be held at the Summit County ESC. There will be a presentation by the Summit County Probate Court on the subject of guardianship, and a presentation on the subject of STABLE accounts from the State.

The Mideast parent mentors would like to thank Michele McGinnis, Sandie Cooper, and the Brunswick City Schools for hosting the meeting.