

Special Services Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 20th, 2017. 11:00 AM

Attending:

Board Members: Chiung-yin Liu (Chair), Vicky Flynn, Lori Ammirati(via phone)

Administrators: Robert McGarry, Meryl Gill, William Loughran,

Guests: Elliot Cohen. James Gelpke. Chuck Hancock

Absent: Mike Sockol

1. Welcome new committee members

2. Special Education Statistics, January 2017

Village: 137 students with IEPs

Indian Hill: 94

Satz: 61

HHS: 132

Out of District Service: 14

Total: 438 students with IEPs

3. Special Olympics (update)—Mr.Loughran, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Gelpke: gave a short presentation of the Unified Sports Program beginning at the end of February.

- This program is a result of a Three year grant funded by NJ Special Olympics awarded to Holmdel School District which was discussed at an earlier board meeting.
- The Programs will run after school on Wednesdays.
- 25-30 student participants in each school.
- Each school has identified 2 to 3 Sports coaches for the program under a Schedule B position.
- Sports coaches will work with the students. Also, depending on the numbers of students participating, there will be monitors hired to support the program.
- Three sessions (fall, winter and spring) will be offered to Satz and HHS, two sessions to VL and IH.
- Fall: Soccer, winter: Basketball, spring: Track and Field.
- Each session will run for 6 weeks.
- HHS and Satz students who participate in the Team Unify club will also be invited to sign up.
- Committee Members were able to view the website which will go live shortly.
- An e blast with a flyer will be sent out as well, informing the community about the League.
- Registration for the Spring Session will be open until February 15.

4. Review of Special Ed program

- Department of Special Service Staff list and Assignments were reviewed.
- A contract of Service between Holmdel School District and The ARC of New Jersey/Planning for Adult Life was reviewed.
-- A new life skill and training program for the students who are enrolled in STRIVE transitional program.

- No cost to the district or students.
- HHS will host the program.
- Ms. Amy Clark will assist the program.
- RETHINK program is up to be-renewed
- The 2016-2017 School Nursing Plans is up to renewed

5. SEPAC

- President of the district SEPAC group, Mr. Hancock, was invited to join the meeting.
- Several parent meetings are being planned
- Topic 1: ADHD and Study skills
- Topic 2: Stress Management for Parents
- Topic 3: Transition Coordinator Presentation
- Meetings will be open to the general Ed parents as well.
- SS committee suggested SEPAC group should be more active in parent group meeting at each school.

6. Professional Development around the District (January 27th)

- The Child Study Team will attend a workshop during the district PD day with the district Special Services attorney Brett Gorman, on” Discipline and students with IEP’s.” He will also be reviewing best practices when writing an IEP.
- Monmouth University and the District has formed a partnership on training our staff on best practices when Co –Teaching in the class room. Christine Cesario will be presenting to all staff who registered to attend during PD day
- All school nurses will be trained and recertified in CPR and AED

7. Holmdel Township Pre-school (update)

- Due to low enrollment of typical preschool students in the 3 year old program, it is becoming difficult to maintain compliance ratios.
- SS committee suggested to revisit the curriculum for improvement.
- SS committee suggested to consider a 5 days per week program instead of 4.
- SS committee suggested to survey current and exit parents for feedback to improve the program.

8. Items for the Good of the Order

*Next Meetings: Friday, March 3rd, 9:30 am.

Tuesday, April 4th, 5:00 pm

Sincerely Submitted,

Chiung-yin Cheng Liu, Chair