

WARWICK SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Eve Bisard, Jessica Schad, Dorrie Carter, Delia McDermott, Mackenzie Medwin, Pam Goes, Cindy Roberts, Annie Johnson, Christina Ward, Kara Theriault, Melanie Cluley, Carla Jaggi, Susan Rooney, Sharon Terzian, Bill McCaffrey

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Eve. Eve made a motion to accept the last meeting minutes. The motion to accept the minutes was accepted by Sharon and seconded by Annie.

Old Business:

Pam Goes announced that the Transition Workshops are completed for the year and some were very well attended while others were not so well attended. Susan offered to assist with gaining more attendance for these workshops next year by having more personal advertisement via school officials to parents of juniors and seniors. Pam has also stated that next years Transition Workshops will be evaluated each series in order to obtain a better idea if the workshops are giving parents what they are looking for or if they are looking for information in other areas.

Melanie brought in a draft format of the new WSEAC Brochure/Flyer by accident but let us all know that she has made all the edits and ideas that she had received. It was agreed that she will email the publisher format of the updated brochure to Sharon who can then save the document into a pdf format and share it across the email list final edits and ideas could be given to Melanie. She can be emailed at melanie_cluley@hotmail.com. It was also agreed due to cost, that the new flyer will remain in black and white as well as be printed on plain paper.

Of the twenty-two parents who registered for the RIPIN Presentation, Building Collaborative Partnerships with Professionals, only eight attended. It was noted that this was a really good presentation and the committee is open to hosting other RIPIN presentations in the future.

New Business:

Eve will begin working on the Annual Report in order to have it ready to present to the committee at the August meeting. From there, it is our hope that the Annual Report will be presented to the School Committee during the October meeting.

Director of Special Education Report

Susan Rooney, Assistant Director of Special Services, stated that they are very busy working on schedules for next year as well as tying things up for the end of this school year.

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State Update

Sharon attended the IEP Training on the new IEP forms that are forthcoming, but things are on hold for now due to Federal Regulations.

Sharon also noted that the Annual Retreat will be held in September and they are booking Barry Rossi to review the new IEP forms at that time.

Membership:

No new applications were addressed this evening.

School Committee Report:

There was no one present from the School Committee this evening, due to their meeting at the Administration Building discussing the future of Potowamut.

Susan Rooney reminded everyone that Shapiro's Retirement Party still has tickets available for anyone interested in attending on June 22nd.

Public Comment:

Adjournment:

Next meeting is scheduled for August 8th at 7:00 p.m. which will be the first meeting for the 2007-2008 school year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Ward