

WARWICK SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 9, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Annie Johnson, Cindy Roberts, Carla Jaggi, Jessica Schad, Eve Bisard, Joan Germain, Richard D'Agostino, Sharon Terzian, Dorrie Carter, Melanie Cluley, Christina Ward, Delia McDermott, Mackenzie Medwin, Colleen and Thomas Daniels, Kara Theriault.

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Eve. Eve made a motion to accept the last meeting minutes. The motion to accept the minutes was accepted by Jessica and seconded by Cindy.

Old Business:

Pam Goes was not in attendance this evening and therefore was unable to update everyone on the progress of the Transition Workshops. It was mentioned however that the last workshop had been cancelled.

Melanie brought in a draft format of the new WSEAC Brochure/Flyer. Edits were made during the meeting as well as suggestions given in regards to additional information that should be noted in the new brochure. Melanie is looking forward to more suggestions and has requested they be emailed to her as she works on finalizing the brochure. She can be emailed at melanie_cluley@hotmail.com.

So far thirteen parents have registered for the RIPIN Presentation scheduled for May 16th at 6:30 to be held at the Administration Building. The hope is more parents have registered via RIPIN and that others will just show up.

New Business:

The committee let Dr. D'Agostino know of the distribution issues of various related flyers and material to special education parents via the schools. He stated he will look into the matter and bring it to the attention of the cabinet members.

Nominations for WSEAC Officers were made this evening. Co-Chair nominations were Eve and Jessica, these nominations were accepted and voted upon. Congratulations to Eve and Jessica for becoming WSEAC Co-Chairs for the 2007-2008 School Year. Kara was nominated for Secretary and voted upon, congratulations are in order for her undertaking of this position.

Director of Special Education Report

Dr. D'Agostino stated that the proposed budget had been accepted by the School Committee and is currently going to City Hall. He reviewed some of the proposals in the budget that will hopefully save the school system \$1.5 million dollars. There was also discussion in regards to ESY, camps, the on going bussing issues as well.

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State Update

Eve and Sharon attended the most recent State Special Ed. Advisory Network dinner. Shared info regarding parent survey results and PEP/PBIS program at Sherman and Greenwood.

Melanie and Sharon reviewed their attendance at the State IEP Network Meeting.

Membership:

No new applications were addressed this evening.

School Committee Report:

There was no one present from the School Committee this evening, due to Superintendent Search meeting. It was mentioned that they are currently down to four in the search for the superintendent.

Public Comment:

Adjournment:

Next meeting is scheduled for June 13th at 7:00 p.m. which will be the final meeting for the 2006-2007 school year. The first meeting for the 2007-2008 school year will be held August 8, 2007.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Ward

Annie Johnson