

SEPAC Minutes 1/18/05:

Attendance:

Karen Lynch
Johanna Hudak
Steve Boffoli
Michelle Colicci
Kathleen Danehey
Laure Schnackenberg
Beatrice Moffett
Sue Dexter
Sue Carr
Jacquelyn Glover

Committee Reports:

Autism:

- Steve reported that he met with Ray; there is talk of a project VBA classes and collaboration with Arlington.
- Approaching Joel Miller, trip to Albany to seek monies from State Education Department.
- Autism Directory Service is holding a conference on VBA October 20-22 at Casperkill, with Vince Carbone.
- Therapy (play) group at Playmore Therapies (Helene Check) presently in Carmel, starting 1/29/05, \$60.00/session. Steve has more information if interested.

Standards of learning:

- Summer school is taught to avoid regression it was asked if parents would be interested in a program that would focus on standards, all parents said they would.
- Kathleen Danehey talked about the Special Olympics program on Monday nights at Gayhead; it focuses on children who spend their day in Special Education.

WORKSHOPS:

The Parent Resource Center Workshops:

- The Parent Resource Center is holding the following workshop on 2/2 - Fat City Video - What is it like to be learning disabled.
- At Sheafe Rd school the following workshops are being held:
 - 2/24 - Bullying,
 - 3/10 - Drug and Alcohol Prevention,
 - 4/26 - Destructive Behavior. On Saturday,

PTA Council Day of Workshops:

- 2/26 PTA Council Day of Workshops at Ketcham. Mary Ward and Karen Lynch are doing a workshop "You are not alone" Check PTA council website for listing of other workshops. Mary is working on other workshops and is going to order more books, if you have any suggestions please e-mail her.

Northern Westchester/Putnam SETRC Workshops:

- Northern Westchester/Putnam SETRC is offering workshops, Karen has a booklet or you can check their website. Transition Workshop at BOCES Beta 3/9 6p.m.-9p.m. Dutchess Youth Career Works - Job skills and GED for adolescents.

Special Education Initiatives:

- After school tutoring for Special Ed students Start date 2/28/05, grades 3-8 focus on Standards of Learning to be done at the middle schools, by Mount St. Mary graduate students. Ray is working closely with 6 schools providing grant monies for pre-referral strategies and referral intervention.

Summer School Administration:

Board approved last night to help program run more smoothly. New IEP will be mandatory 1/2006, IEP direct has updated to keep in compliance.

SEPAC has money in the budget for guest speakers, workshops and parent activities. Ideas were asked from the group, one idea was to do a social skills group for kids with a parenting support group being done at the same time, and this idea will have to be discussed with Ray.

New Business:

It was mentioned that on 2/21 "The Today Show" will have an Autism special. We also talked about Relationship Development Intervention.

Next meeting 2/15 7p.m. Hollowbrook Conference Room A