

## **SEPAC Minutes June 15, 2004**

**Attendees:** Karen Lynch, Sue Carr, Liz DiPrete, Gina Address, Susan Bator, Michelle Colicci, Steve Boffoli, Ann Marie Rymer, Johanna Hudak for Ray Healey.

**Legal conference presentation** - Mary Nicoletti and Johanna Hudak presented on the LRP Law Conference/Education Law they attended in Florida. The focus was on the role of the general education teacher (legal responsibility). Johanna is going to supply SEPAC with a copy of her presentation so that it may be distributed to all members.

**Local Diploma** - Karen updated everyone on the local diploma issue. The BOE approved the 55 passing grade for core subjects for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade 2004-05 school year to earn a local diploma.

**Autism subcommittee** - Steve spoke on the efforts and actions taking place by some of the members of the Autism Subcommittee to form a subsidiary group of Autism Directory Services, Inc. The initiatives are modeling the NJ/POAC for teacher training and possibly approaching BOCES in that effort, and organizing social/recreational activities.

**PRC Update** - The teacher's page is being updated to include listing of books and videotapes available to parents through the Parent Resource Center. Schedules for presenters are needed by July. Providers need to supply information 5 weeks in advance in order to get information distributed.

**SEPAC 2004-05 Schedule** - Meeting dates – July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21 (Open House), Oct. 19 (Advocacy Training), Nov. 16, Dec. 21 (Informal)

The items that will be scheduled for next year are: Open House (Sept). Parent Advocacy Training by SEPAC (Oct), Forums on Autism, ADD, how to understand evaluations and measurements, regulation changes, IEP, Transition and Aging In, How to prepare for annual review, Summer camp/tutoring info.

Open house is going to be scheduled in conjunction with either School open houses or school parent orientations. The first forum on autism will look to take place at Brinckerhoff Nov. 18.

### **Sub-committee creation:**

An added sub-committee will be discussed at July's meeting – Curriculum instruction. Anyone interested should let the Council know by the next meeting. Sue Carr has volunteered to be on committee.

**Misc/other:**

– Meeting notes were approved.

- Sue Carr is the liaison and member of the character building effort headed through Tom Stella office and will keep us informed.
- Anyone interested in participating in organizing the parent advocacy training should let Karen know. Gina has volunteered. A team will be put together for the October Parent Training.

**Web site update:** Robin Rose is working on updating the district web site. There will be two entries on the home page, one for parents and one for teachers. The parent section is to provide direction to parents on SE process within the district.

**SEPAC secretary** will compile the annual report based on meeting notes and subcommittee notes to be approved at July's meeting. Also being compiled will be a Parent Survey model to be presented at July's meeting.

**IEP:** Per Johanna, Ray is organizing a group (including parents) to look at SEPAC Report item #1 IEP.

**Good news!**

The special education teacher who had the small room at Gayhead now has the largest room.