



Troy Special Services Parent Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – 9/15/2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm on September 15 in the meeting room of the Troy School District Special Services Building.

At the meeting, Kathy Jagels, Special Education Director, Janet Callahan, co president, Krishna Pamarty, co president, Leslie Accardo, co vice president, and Karen Hunt, secretary were present. Julieann Schiepkke, Special Education Specialized Instruction Coordinator was present. Five other parents were present.

Introductions was made, with everyone introducing themselves and children.

Previous Meeting Minutes - Karen Hunt read a brief summary of the election results of the PAC officers that happened at the end of the 2015-6 school year. Karen Hunt's notes were approved.

Treasurers Report - The treasurer, Stacia Crowe, was not available, but Janet Callahan read the treasurer's report. Janet Callahan and Leslie Accardo agreed that the donation by Connie Piwonski should be removed from the income of the projected 2016-7 budget because the donation was made in 2015. The treasurer's report was approved.

Special Education Supervisor Report - Kathy Jagels then said that Adrian Dean, Special Education Supervisor, was resigning. There was no current replacement, she said, but all of the special education administration staff is working to help with the work, while a replacement for Adrian Dean is found.

Teacher's report - Discussion by Janet Callahan, Kathy Jagels, and Julieann Schiepkke of what a teacher's report should consist. Janet Callahan said the teacher's report should consist of anything new on an individual school level.

Old Business - None

New Business:

- Janet Callahan asked attendees to write questions on index cards about special education that will be passed on to PAC officers who will either answer them or refer them to others who may have answers.
- Janet Callahan asked that rather than a paper agenda, that one be projected. Kathy Jagels said that she could help the PAC use the projector in the meeting room of the Special Services Building.
- Janet Callahan said she will contact the Rochester PAC and see how it arranges childcare for its meetings.
- Janet Callahan said that she will look into Oakland Schools liaison positions.
- Troy school liaisons were discussed. Janet Callahan said that school liaisons will inform principals about PAC information and ask them to refer parents with questions to PAC for answers. Kathy Jagels said that she will send out an email blast asking for parents to become building liaisons.
- Janet Callahan asked Kathy Jagels about meeting with the principals. Kathy Jagels said she will work on this and have the PAC speak to them. Janet Callahan said that she and Krishna Pamarty will do the speaking.
- Discussion of Disability Awareness. Janet Callahan said people are needed to run it. Janet Callahan said that school volunteers from the fourth grade will help, but PAC members are needed too. Janet Callahan said that the PAC could reach out to high school students who have disabilities. Kathy Jagels said that she will work on this. Kathy Jagels said that she will talk to Lisa Dziatczak, Grow Supervisor for Troy Center for Transition, about getting Troy Transition Students.

Attendees were then asked to write questions about IEPs on index cards for the IEP meeting that will happen later this school year. The cards will provide information about what people want to know about IEPs, which can be covered in the IEP presentation at that meeting.

Janet Callahan then went over the list of meeting topics month by month for the PAC meetings.

Janet Callahan adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.