

## Special Service Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 11:00 AM

Attending:

Board Members: Chiung-yin Liu (Chair), Joseph Hammer, Ana M. Vander Woude, Robin Wetmore

Administrators: Barbara Duncan, Meryl Gill

Guest: Susan Colacello (UNIFY)

### ***1. Special Olympics Expo and update (Susan Colacello)***

Susan Colacello, Education and Families Director and Project UNIFY New Jersey Project Director of Special Olympics New Jersey, was invited to attend the Special Service committee meeting. Ms. Colacello provided an overview of their mission and programs. She expressed her appreciation to the Holmdel School District Special Services Department to host a regional Special Olympic event. She indicated that the Special Olympics organization will provide all necessary assistance to Holmdel to ensure the best outcomes.

As of the meeting day, the current plan is as follows:

- Event Date: Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Location: Cross Farm Park
- Sponsorships: The Special Olympics of New Jersey, local business and individuals.
- Keyport, Keansburg, Union Beach, Hazlet and Colts Neck have tentatively confirmed participation. As of the meeting day, we do not have the number of participants from those districts.
- Main sport: Soccer. Track and Field activities are also considered.
- Mr. Randy Westrol, Supervisor of Athletics, Health and Physical Education, k-12, is collaborating with the Department of Special Services.
- Teacher Andrea Lopez has reached out to the “Red Bulls” for their support and participation.
- To generate the spirit of Unified Sports between the general education and special education students, the HHS Best Buddies Club, HHS Soccer Team and HHS Track and Field Team would be invited to assist in the activities. Help from the Satz school teams will be considered, if needed.
- Help from the local community and groups will be contacted, if needed.
- This event is set for a fun day for the participants and is not a competition.
- The planning committee will meet on April 4th.
- Ms. Gill will continue updating the status to the Special Services committee at the scheduled meeting.

## ***2. Update on Pre-school Enrollment for the 2013-14 school year***

Ms. Gill provided the current **2012-13 enrollment** of pre-school program.

- 3 years old ( Morning session, 2 classes)—28 students
- 4 years old ( Afternoon session, 2 classes)—28 students

For **2013-14 registration** status:

(1) Open house was offered in February.

(2) 3 years old program-- 10 applications as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> would be the deadline for deposit

4 years old program--

- Current 3 years old program students have the priority for registration.
- 5 applications from new families plus 12 deposits from current 3 years old program).
- March 8<sup>th</sup> will be the lottery day if more families apply.

## ***3. Occupational Therapist Department (Share Out) with neighboring Districts (April)***

The Holmdel Township School District Occupational Therapy Department has invited neighboring districts for a Share Out Collaborative workshop in Village School, on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The invitation has been sent out. The confirmation deadline is March 22, 2013.

## ***4. Acknowledgement of staff member acceptance into special masters program***

Ms. Doreen Cancillieri has been selected to receive a tuition award for a Distance Education Master of Arts program of the Youth Transition, Career and Vocational service from George Washington University. Congratulation! Ms. Cancillieri.

## ***5. Items for the Good of the Order***

- Mrs. Vander Woude requested an update at next Special Service committee meeting about the status of the Team Teaching Initiative in Holmdel High School.
- Mrs. Vander Woude also requested an update regarding the name change for the Best Buddies Club.

\*Next Meeting: Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM.

Sincerely Submitted,

Chiung-yin Cheng Liu