

## Special Services Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 1, 2014 10:00 AM

### Attending:

Board Members: Chiung-yin Liu (Chair), Barbara Garrity, Ana M. Vander Woude,

Administrators: Barbara Duncan, Meryl Gill,

Absent: Mike Sockol

### 1. *Special Education Statistics for April, 2014*

- Village: **136** students with IEP's (February 2014 - 133 students)
- Indian Hill: **98** students with IEP's (February 2014 - 100)
- Satz: **76** students with IEP's (February 2014 - 78)
- HHS: **140** students with IEP's (February 2014 - 138)
- Out of District Service: **18** students with IEP's (February 2014 - 18)

**Total: 468** (March 2014 - 467, February 2014 - 457, December 2013 - 473)

### 2. *Pre-School Enrollment Update*

- The district has received 6 tuition deposits for the 3 year old program.
- And, the district received 10 tuition deposits for the 4 year old program.
- Advertising for the preschool program will continue.

### 3. *Disability Awareness Month Review*

- Project Unify and Students from HHS ran simulation stations for students of HHS, Satz, and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Indian Hill School, to experience what it is like to have a disability.
- Teachers at the Village School were provided with specific reading materials and lessons focused on students with disabilities.
- Everyone is looking forward to the events for next year.

### 4. *Sports Expo Update*

- Date of the event: Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Starting at 10:00 AM
- Location: Holmdel Cross Farm Park
- Participating Districts: Holmdel, Middletown, Union Beach, Upper Freehold, Colts Neck, Hazlet, Keyport (Keansburg cancelled their attendance, due to their district event). *Post Note: Keansburg has since called in to rejoin the event*
- About 250 students with IEPs will attend.
- Donation requests have been sent out to the local businesses. Several donations have been received thus far.
- Main sports: Soccer and Golf
- HHS Boys and Girl Golf teams, Boys and Girls Soccer teams, Team Unify Club and Adaptive PE class partners will help at the event.
- Expo planning committee will meet the last week of May.

### 5. *SWOT*

- Ms. Gill shared with the Special Services Committee the survey results of SWOT provided by the HHS Child Study Team.

- Ms. Gill plans on discussing SWOT with the Special Education Planning Committee at their next meeting on May 16th.
- The Special Services Committee plans on reviewing the findings from the final report of 2013 NJSBA Special Education Task Force at a future Special Services meeting. If needed, the Special Services Committee will include the SWOT items identified from the report.

#### ***6. SEPAG Special Education Parent Advisory Group***

- At the last Special Services Committee meeting, the committee requested Ms. Gill to consult with the SPAN group and the State, to identifying the best practice in organizing a District Special Education Parent Advisory Group.
- After a few calls with various leaders of SPAN, Ms. Gill shared information on what a collaborating SEPAG group consists of.
- Ms. Gill provided the SEPAG materials from State, SPAN, and other school districts.
- Ms. Gill indicated that forming a new Parent Advisory Group might be needed for the benefit of all the families whose children are using the service.
- Mrs. Duncan reminded the committee of the impact our district might experience if the District doesn't have a viable SEPAG group.
- Ms. Gill will have another discussion with the co- presidents of the ARISE group.
- Ms. Gill was requested by the Special Services Committee to report the result of the discussion with the ARISE group at the June Special Services meeting.

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

- Ms. Gill indicated that the “Wish List” for the Special Education Life Skills room had been distributed to the schools and posted on the Special Education Webpage.
- It was also announced that the Eye First Center of Middletown will host their annual fundraising for the Holmdel District Special Education Program throughout the month of May.

\*Next Meetings: June 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm, Board Conference Room

**Sincerely Submitted,**

**Chiung-yin Cheng Liu, Chair**