

Special Services Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, July 24, 2014, 10:00 AM

Attending:

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

Administrators: Barbara Duncan, Meryl Gill,

1. Professional Development for Special Ed Staff at Village School

a. Foundations

In September, Foundations, a reading methodology training program, will be offered to Special Ed teachers in grades 1-3, ESL teachers, Speech therapists, Achieve program teachers. Kindergarten Special Ed teachers already had this training last year.

b. Dyslexia

All Village School staff from preK to grade 3 will attend the training at the Professional Day on October 13th.

Holmdel High School teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Kenny-Foggin will design and run the training.

The 2-3 hours in-house training program will provide an overview of the Dyslexia and strategies to assist students with dyslexia.

The Special Services committee thought it could be helpful if training or related materials could be provided to staff in early September. Mrs. Duncan and Ms Gill will look into this suggestion.

2. Extended School Year review to date

The ESY program runs from July 7th through August 14th. There are 76 participants. Students have gone on a few trips to local stores for pre- vocational training, i.e., A&P and Marshalls.

3. Pre-School enrollment to date

No new registrations came in since our last report. To learn how to better serve family needs, the Special Services committee suggested sending a survey to prospective families.

4. Draft Job Description for Social Skills Program Facilitator position

The Special Services committee reviewed and discussed the draft job description for the Social Skills Program Facilitator. The Job Description will be on the July 30th agenda for Board approval.

5. STRIVE Program

The STRIVE program will begin on October 9th. The activities for the program will be the same.

6. SEPAG

Ms. Gill reported that an early August meeting with parents of Special Education students has been planned. Ms. Gill will make a final recommendation to the Special Services Committee regarding district wide SEPAG at the August meeting, and, she will give the committee a planned outline for the SEPAG at the August meeting.

7. SWOT

The Special Services Committee has had more discussion on SWOT. The committee will provide the updated list to the Community Relations Committee when the list becomes available.

*Next Meetings: Monday, August 25th, 1:00 PM, Board Conference Room

Sincerely Submitted,

Chiung-yin Cheng Liu, Chair