

Special Services Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 10th, 2013, 10:00 AM

Attending:

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

Administrators: Barbara Duncan, Meryl Gill,

1. *Extended School Year (ESY) update*

Ms. Gill indicated that the ESY went well and attendance appeared to improve. The Special Services Committee suggested the start/end dates and time of the program could be reviewed for maximum student attendance.

2. *Pre-School Program updates*

The 4 years old classes have been filled.

To date, there are 4 open spots in the 3 year old program;

An additional advertisement for the 3 year old program has been planned.

3. *Special Education Organization list*

At the last meeting, the Special Services Committee reviewed the Special Education Organization Chart of teachers, contracted service providers and their assignments.

4. *Behavioral Specialist*

Ms. Gill indicated that the new Teacher/Behavioral Specialist has been identified and has been recommended to Mrs. Duncan. This candidate will be on the agenda for approval on September 18, 2013 Board of Education meeting.

5. *Re-Think software update*

Two training dates have been scheduled for teachers to learn about the software.

- September 26th - Holmdel teachers only
- October 3rd - Teachers from Holmdel and a few other districts. This training session is sponsored by the Re-Think organization.

The Special Education Department will be providing user login ID to parents at “Back-to-School Night”. Parents can go on the Re-Think website to see what their children are working on.

There are also some videos to support parents at home.

6. *iPad training for staff*

The 4th grade special education teachers had their first training using an iPad in June. The follow up training will be on 10/2/13.

All High School special education teachers received an iPad mini as an instructional tool. Those teachers will have a training session on September 25th.

7. *Cog MED license extended*

The Department of Special Education decided that the first group of children to use the Cog MED program will be a targeted group of children diagnosed with ADHD. Mrs. Carol Galiano will lead the group.

8. STRIVE program

The STRIVE program will resume on October 1st. Mrs. Susan Stanzione and Mrs. Doreen Riegal will be the co-coordinators for the program.

9. Items for the Good of the Order

- As of the last meeting date of the Special Services Committee there are 445 classified students in the District, they are as follows:
 - Village School: 120
 - Indian Hill School: 98
 - Satz School: 78
 - High School: 149
 - 16 students receive out-of-district services.
- The Special Services Committee discussed the students' placement letter at Indian Hill School.

*Next Meetings:

- Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 9:15 AM
- Thursday , November 21, 2013 at 9:15 AM

Sincerely Submitted,

Chiung-yin Cheng Liu