

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Minutes

11/10/09

- Introductions – Reviewed current and past members
- Review Last Year's Minutes to Focus on Goals and Objectives

After reviewing last year's meeting the same three goals and objectives were highlighted for this year's committee:

1. Serve as a support group for parents with special needs children that can provide and share information with one another in a safe and confidential community forum. We had more parents sign up for our parent network phone tree which will be posted on the district website. To access the Special Education Parent Network page please goto:

<http://www.woodburysch.com/specialservices/parentadv.php>

2. Review aspects of district special education programming and provide CST Director with programmatic feedback from parent perspective
3. Develop Professional Development opportunities for parents on hot topics with in special education

- Set Agenda for Year based on Last Year's Meetings and Tonight's Discussion
 - Reviewed Current Programs within District and Continued to identify 3 areas for discussion and ongoing brainstorming
 - Mentoring of Social and Emotional growth for our students
 - Inclusionary practices and opportunities across all grade levels and content areas
 - Professional Development for parents

NEXT Meeting: Tuesday, January 5th, 6:00pm

Based on tonight's discussion we agreed the next meeting will be a panel discussion where Parents and Professionals will provide a question and answer program for a targeted group of parents. The group decided to make specific invitations to parents of 3 and 4 year old Pre-School Disabled children in an effort to help these parents transition into school world of having a special needs child. This program will be open to all parents; however, our focus will be on this targeted group of students. We will be holding this presentation on Tuesday, January 5th at 6:00pm. If you are interested in being a parent presenter please feel free to reach out to me at your convenience.