

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUCTION

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

MARCH 19, 2009
7:00 – 8:30pm
C.W. LEWIS LIBRARY

AGENDA

I. Welcome Parent Representatives!

- Please sign the attendance sheet and provide updated contact information
- Complete a nametag
- Help yourselves to the refreshments

II. Attendance from Previous Meeting – January 22, 2008

<u>Parents</u>	<u>District Administrators</u>	<u>Board of Ed. Liaison</u>
Glendora – Thomas Petrocella	John Tighe	
Lor. Flem. – Terry Bank	Bonnie Edwards	
Out of Dist. – Shannon Hummel	Eric Csolak	
Union Valley – Nancy Sponagle	Heather Moran	
Blackwood – Diane Kopeykin	Kristen James	
Glen Landing – Tina Regan		

III. Summary of District Steps Based on Previous Committee Suggestions

- Community information continues to be shared with parents regarding special services, modified recreation opportunities, and other programs offered for individuals with disabilities living in Gloucester Township.
- Building Principals will be asked to introduce the parent representatives during Back to School Night activities and PTO functions.
- CST members continue to review the role of the one-to-one assistant and the expectations for appropriate communication with parents at the time the IEP for a child is revised.

IV. Summary of Previous Meeting (November 13th) – Topic: One to One Assistants

- All one-on-one assistant vacancies have been filled. Committee continued to discuss roles, expectation, and guidelines related to one-on-one position.

- Discussed overview of Response to Intervention RtI and how this initiative impacts the general education curriculum as well as the special education referral process.
- Presentations from district level administrators regarding topics that included: preschool curriculum initiative, everyday mathematics curriculum, and language arts literacy curriculum, specifically guided reading and writers workshop.

IV. Tonight's Agenda (some topics may carry over to our next meeting)

- Ways to reach out and communicate to parents with children with disabilities in Gloucester Township Schools as well as ways to provide and facilitate networking opportunities for parents
- Develop opportunities to provide parent workshops and parent support groups
- 6th grade special education orientation (summer 09)

V. Update from Committee Members

- Questions, concerns, and topic suggestions

**Next Meeting: May 7, 2009
7:00 – 8:30 pm
C.W. Lewis Library**

THANKS FOR REPRESENTING YOUR SCHOOLS!