

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUCTION

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

May 6, 2010
7:00 – 8:00pm
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 – March 25, 2010

<u>Parents</u>	<u>District Administrators</u>	<u>Board of Ed. Liaison</u>
Glendora – Jessica O’Hara		
Glendora – Thomas Petrocella	John Tighe	Felicia Reid
Lewis – Judy Guido		
	Eric Csolak	
Blackwood – Diane Kopeykin		

III. Summary of District Steps Based on Previous Committee Suggestions

- Parent Workshop – Empowering Parents: Improving Social Skills for Children With Special Needs was held on March 3, 2010. Many parent for several schools attended. Special education administrators, teachers, and counselors presented information and teaching techniques focusing on improving the social skills for children. Resources and materials were shared and parents were able to leave with materials and literature.
- Building Principals are 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

- Provide curriculum information specific to the summer Social Skills Training program to parents.
- Met with Child Study Team to discuss ways to improve parent communication.

IV. Summary of Previous Meetings

- Comprehensive review of Summer ESY – Social Skill Program and Curriculum.
- Discussed proposed budget 2010-2011, Mrs. Reid, BOE member spoke to this issue.
- Discussed parents receiving a letter from Child Study Team members in regards to explanation of services.
- Discussed parent communication with CST members. Parents were unaware of the monthly and weekly meetings CST members have with special education teachers. Also talked about ways to improve CST communication with parents.
- Discussed special education students struggling in unstructured settings such as lunch and recess due to social skills deficits. Parents talked about ways in which to provide alternate programs during these times with a focus on social skills training.
- Discussed other parent concerns regarding the summer 2009 Social Skills Training Program. Specifically transportation and curriculum.

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

- Special Education Parent Survey (NJ Department of Special Education)
- Extended School Year (ESY)
- Special Education Management Module (SEMM) REALTIME IEP Writer. How is it going?
- 6th grade special education middle school orientation.
- PAC Meeting schedule for 2010-2011 school year.
- Review of current parent advisory school representatives. Next year status?

V. Update from Committee Members

- Questions, concerns, and topic suggestions

Next Meeting: TBD for 2010-2011

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THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING YOUR SCHOOLS!