

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUCTION

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

January 21, 2010
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 – December 1, 2009

Parents

District Administrators

Board of Ed. Liaison

Glendora – Thomas Petrocella

Felicia Reid

Glen Landing – Felicia Reid

Bonnie Edwards

Out of Dist. – Shannon Hummel

Eric Csolak

Lewis – Judy Guido

L.F. – Maureen Argentieri

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 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.
- Will 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 Meeting (December 1, 2009)

- All one-on-one assistant vacancies have been filled. Committee continued to discuss roles, expectation, and guidelines related to one-on-one position.
- 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 parent concerns regarding the summer 2009 Social Skills Training Program. Specifically transportation and curriculum.
- Discussed overview of Extended School Year ESY and other summer academic programs.

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

- Special Education Parent Survey (NJ Department of Special Education)
- Summer Social Skills Training Program Curriculum
- Social Skills Training opportunities during the regular school year.
- Special Education Management Module (SEMM) REALTIME IEP Writer.
- 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

V. Update from Committee Members

- Questions, concerns, and topic suggestions

Next Meeting: March 25, 2010

7:00 – 8:30 pm

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THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING YOUR SCHOOLS!