

SEPAC Minutes 9-28-09

Submitted by Steve Taylor

Members Present:

Sheerie Slatton
Bonnie Kennedy
Larinda Hopkins
Denise Keating
Steve Taylor
Debbie Kerschner
Aaron Stanton
Elmira Sines
Ramsey Graham and Keli

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from 5-11-09 were discussed.
3. Westwood Parking Lot issues are resolved. Group is pleased with their efforts in gaining more designated disabled parking in front and in the back of the school. Bus pick up and drop off for our self-contained classrooms is now out on the west playground which offers more protection from the cars that enter the new pick up area in the upper parking lot.
Resource Library is now operating at Westwood's library. It is now set up for students to check out books and a parent section, too. It will eventually be in the district wide system.
Standard Operating Procedures is a project that the Special Education Leadership Team will be working on throughout this school year. We will be looking at creating a system to streamline all procedures that impact students receiving special education services from referral to evaluation to Individualized Education Plans.
Peer Buddies: Aaron shared that Carolyn Kinniburgh is using Peer Buddies at Westwood with students. Group offered to assist her with sharing a "This is me book." This group would like to be a resource for this project. Aaron will meet with Carolyn to share the interest from this group. Group also discussed the positive aspects of the Peer Tutors program and the Bridging program. This advisory council does not want these programs to cease.

4. New Business

09-10 meeting schedule: Ramsey's group will meet 4th Monday of the month at Ramsey Graham's house. Contact her at 253.569.0377 or email-----.

Disabilities History Month: Steve shared that 2 school counselors have requested the packet of info created by Ramsey to consider for guidance lessons during the month of Oct. Ramsey will be looking into getting a trifold advertising disabilities history month in each school library. Aaron will get Ramsey in touch with the student leadership advisor and the graphic arts teacher.

SEPAC Bylaws: Members were given a copy of the bylaws. Aaron will send a digital copy to Ramsey who will email it to some of her group to look at current language.

5. Parent Advocacy Network is interested in looking at the following issues: recruiting members to our SEPAC group; outreach and information; accessible Westwood playground; Special Olympic; and support for the 5K Run for Down Syndrome.