

# EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Special Education Advisory Group Minutes December 4, 2008

### 1 Call to Order: 4:15PM

Members present: Ray Arment, Colleen Arthur, Kelli Bacher, Sally Betschart, Cristin Blaskowitz, Steve Collins, Kathy Gillespie, Jerin Hall, Diane Heersink, April McKinney, Shannon Powell, Gretchen Sharpe, Tina Schmidt, John Trent.

Members absent: Renate Bertoia, Cheyann Joyner, Abigail Lueckeman, Kelly Mainard.

Others present: Amy Hasenbalg, Tami Samples, Elisa Bovey, Wendy Owens

### 2 Flag Salute: 4:16PM

### 3 Announcements:

- Mr. Rush is interested in filling the vacant General Education Secondary Teacher Representative position for SEAG.
- Still need Secretary for group: think of one person each could ask to fill position.
- Suggestion of visiting with journalism and Composition teachers for a possible lead.

### 4 Approval of Minutes:

- Discussions to clarify past December 4, 2008 minutes: # of hours of training for para's and timeline for completion of ESD Special Services mission statement.
- Ms. Blaskowitz clarified # of hours of Para training and mission statement approved by end of spring-time line  
Motion by Gretchen  
Moved by John  
All in agreement

### 5 Public Comments:

- EA (Educational Assistant) is now the title of Para's.

### 6 Reports:

- Survey Report: Will take off of agenda.
- SEAG Interview Task Force: Task force concluded, off of the agenda
- SEAG Secondary Special Education Task Force: nothing to report other than trying to arrange a meeting with Ken Anderson.
- SEAG Transition Task Force: Gretchen spoke with Cristin, program is moving ahead, takes time to get contracts with community placements. Questions of documentation of abilities and levels to get into work placement. What skills they have and recorded progress. Continue with district sites. Discussion on what kids are doing now. Task force to stay on agenda. Hippensteal will attend in January to present. Ideas for an agenda for transition Teacher: Short term and long term goals.
- SEAG Community Events Task Force: Fall Fest work to start up in February.

Community involvement:

Quarterly Evening trainings for parents and community members

Ideas involved: Dr. Glenn Tripp- Medical/Scientific Side

Dr. Alan Gill- PC2 i.e., IEP's, funding....

People First Advocacy group-maybe go through ASB to get this group in.

SAW-another group to come into classrooms

Karen Gaffney-Professional speaker

Interest in this area, decisions on how to deliver these trainings/events

Task Force will continue researching many avenues.

## **7 Unfinished Business:**

- A. Ms. Hippensteal unable to attend  
Topics of discussion for Ms. Hippensteal to brief us on:
  1. Intro of self - professional background and history
  2. What types of students does transition services serve
    - a. Age of child of when to start transition services and transition planning
    - b. Current numbers of students in ESD transition services and short-term projections of numbers over next few years
  3. Current and future community placements i.e. local Eatonville businesses and government (Town of Eatonville) and Pierce County placements
  4. Transportation Needs and how to use public transportation - Mountain Lewis Transit, Pierce County Transit
  5. Short-term plans (this quarter and next year)
  6. Long-term plans (next 3-5 years), if available. (Okay if not yet addressed.)
  7. Location of transition services programs in the future with the new high school completion and long-term plans.
  8. Measurable outcomes of success of transition services - How will ESD measure success? Do we have past and current stats that are being tracked to measure success?
  9. What research is ESD transition services based on?
  10. Do you have any unmet needs or suggestions that the SEAG can help you with? What do you need from the district to be successful?

(Did not vote on selection of topics listed above to present to Ms. Hippensteal.  
Ms. Schmidt will submit all questions to Ms. Hippensteal.)

B. ESD staff and Parent Training-

How to get info out? Thoughts: Sped Newsletter, letters home with kids,  
personal invite, letter to mail home through district.

**8 New Business**

Priority Work List- separate the priority work list by Accomplished, In  
Progress, and Not Yet Addressed. Group went through list and separated into the three  
categories. See attachment. Email list prior to next SEAG Mtg.

Full plate for 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan. meeting.

**9 Future SEAG Agenda Items:**

Add Gretchen for next month, meeting with Leg. in February, would like to take copy  
of Priority list of concerns-discussion of concerns to take to Reps.

**10 Adjournment: 6:08 PM**

Respectfully submitted by April McKinney, Member with revisions by Tina Schmidt, Vice-  
Chair.