

Intermediate Unit 1
Southwestern Local Task Force
Thursday, February 7, 2008

Minutes

Sue Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

In attendance were: Sue Schmidt, Gay Vroble, Scott Martin, Pam Olszewski, M.J. Glitz, Toni Lozar, Cecelia Mellemo, Rikki Swaney, Anita Walters, Maggie Nottingham, Janelle Sawicky, Andrea Tremel, and Laura Walters.

Old Business

Laura motioned to accept the minutes from the December meeting. M.J. seconds the motion.

Sue circulated the parent complaint form that Anita created. The task force members reviewed it and decided to use it as a first step in dealing with the parent issues. It will be used as an intake form.

New Business

Sue appointment Cecelia Mellemo as Co-Chair. Sue has also talked to Amy about making some changes to the Task Force.

Sue reviewed the information that was handed out in the packet. She advised the members that the State Task Force meeting is going to be held in February.

Gay advised the group that Paula Kluth is a wonderful presenter and everyone should attend the PEAL conference March 11th & 12th in Cranberry. She handed out posters to all of the members. Tuesday night they will be having several different events.

Toni gave a report on the state task force meeting: She advised everyone that the PDE conference is going to be held from February 25th – February 27th. There were several things of interest at the last meeting. ARC was talking about the autism waiver, parents may call 1-866-497-6898 to obtain more information. Toni also handed out information on a new Penn link from the Gaskin's settlement. The IEP team is required to address 4 questions and according to Tyanne and PDE the answers to these questions do not have to be written in the IEP. She also passed around a paper concerning the Chapter 14 updates. It was finalized at the end of January and it will probably implemented on July 1st.

Toni advised the group that there is going to be an Autism Pep Rally held at California University on March 13th.

Sue has been contacting several people in order to schedule speakers for the following year. She has prepared some of the trainings already. Shari Mamas will speak in March and another attorney will speak in May. She has asked Marlene Kubina to speak in June.

Toni gave another great presentation on Extended School Year. She answered many questions asked by the members in attendance.

The next meeting will be held March 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the IU1 Central Office. With there being no further business, Sue motioned to adjourn the meeting. Toni seconds the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.