

Intermediate Unit 1
Southwestern Local Task Force
Thursday, September 7, 2007

Minutes

Sue Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

In attendance were: Sue Schmidt, Donna Jackson, Mitzi Miller, M.J. Glitz, Anita Walters, Pam Herron, Lyn Wilttrout, Nancy Bryant, Charmette Crews, Scott Martin, Janet Walters, Kenneth Timms, Toni Lozar, and Rikki Swaney.

Introductions were made. We welcomed new members.

Old Business

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and M.J. motioned to approve, Donna second the motion.

Mitzi will be speaking at the next LEA meeting about the task force.

Donna Jackson & Sue Schmidt are the new officers.

Pam talked to Dr. Jeffries and the childcare shop has been closed. However, they do have a room available that we could use and they would provide daycare.

Toni checked with California University and they recommended she check with CEC that they may have some students who would be able to provide childcare. She will check with them and also with California High School. We may be able to get someone for the daytime meetings, but not for the evening. Also, we do not have a room available at the IU1 for the kids to stay in. Anyone that would be taking care of the children would need clearances. Donna suggested we table this issue for the time being. We do not turn parents away when they bring their kids and no one has had an issue with childcare yet, so the babysitting issue has been tabled.

New Business

Donna advised the group that the task force is made up of parents but overseen by the IU1 to make sure that parents have enough education for themselves to help their kids make it through the school year. Sue feels that we need to do more advertising to announce meetings and recruit more parents.

Anita suggested that the date saver and a blurb about the task force be placed in each districts agenda books next year. The members agreed. Toni is going to suggest it at the September LEA meeting.

Donna wants to send a mailing out to the parents of the students who attend the IU. Toni advised her that she can give us what she needs mailed and we will do it.

Toni gave a small presentation on the Intermediate Unit 1's relationship with the parents, district and the task force. She also mentioned that she is the procedural safeguards person here at the IU1. If anyone needs advice or information they may call her.

Donna suggested that all parents should have a copy of the Black Book. Toni & Rikki will run copies of it and bring them to the next meeting. Donna also advised the parents that they could call and request a copy or download it from the website. Mitzi gave a small training on how to use the book.

Toni advised Sue that there is no budget or funding for the task force. The only thing that we can do is send out the mailings and pay for parents to attend the state task force conference. There is no budget for speakers. The Intermediate Unit 1 has many speakers who are trained in specific areas that would be able to present. We can also contact several agencies that may come in and do presentations.

Topics for next year: Mitzi would like someone to come in and speak about insurances. Anita will check on it. Toni is going to speak about IEP's and ER's. Scott would like to present a training with Donna and Mitzi on Effective Communication.

The next meeting will be held October 4, 2007 at 10:00 AM at IU1 Educational Campus at Laboratory. With there being no further business, Sue motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mitzi seconds the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.