

# Special Education Committee LINK

Linking Special Education with General Education

The SEC has a three-fold purpose benefiting General and Special Education staff:

- **Share** with District employees any issues/changes regarding Special Education;
- **Assist** in the planning, coordinating, and implementing changes occurring in Special Education;
- **Disseminate** information regarding the Special Education Department.

**Your concerns, suggestions, and/or questions are invited. Please use the form at the end of this communication or you may contact any SEC member via email, snail mail, or phone.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Administrators</b>		
Pamela Harris (Co-chair)	Special Education Director	ESC
<b>Special Education Supervisors:</b>		
Sue Nelson	Special Education Supervisor	ESC
Kathy Baud	Special Education Supervisor	ESC
<b>Building Administrators:</b>		
Cheryl DeRoo	Principal	Glenbrook
Kathy Davis	Principal	Abbott Middle School
Joan Reidel	Divisional	Larkin High School
<b>High Incidence:</b>		
Margaret Kruse	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Collaboration Teacher	Kimball M.S.
Jill Waichunas (co-chair)	Cross Categorical Teacher	Elgin H.S.
Crystal Solov	EDSC	KWMS
Sundra A. Arroyo	Bilingual Cross Categorical Teacher	Larkin H. S.
Deborah Heiser	Cross Categorical Teacher	Eastview M..S.
<b>Low Incidence:</b>		
Heather Spencer	Cross Cat. Teacher/Voc. EN	BHS
<b>Related Services:</b>		
Deanna Dial	Certified Nurse School	Multiple
Kelly O'Hara	Speech and Language	Coleman
Veronica Kernler	Speech and Language	Huff

Sara Schneck	Social Worker	Eastview M.S.
Caroline Dahlstrom	Social Worker	Horizon
<b>Early Childhood:</b>		
Alejandra Ganddini	Early Childhood SPED Teacher	Independence
<b>ETA At-Large</b>	(Appointed Position- Not elected)	
Lynda Marquez	Elementary Teacher	Centennial
Laura Musatto	High School Gen Ed Teacher	Larkin High School
<b>General Education:</b>		
Lisa Burnell	Elementary Teacher	Century Oaks
Meghan Doyle (co-chair)	Elementary Teacher	Channing
Pamela Tonyan	Elementary Teacher	Wayne
<b>Middle/High School:</b>		
Kathleen Dickerson	High School Teacher	Larkin HS
Kathy Heikkinen	Middle School Teacher	Music
<b>ESL/ Bilingual:</b>		
Zulma Verdejo	Elementary Bilingual Teacher	Coleman
<b>Regular Visitors:</b>		
Joyce Houston	UniServ Director	IEA
Leatrice Satterwhite	Assist. Director of Special Education	ESC
Tina Pizzitola	DUEA	PIT Crew
Kathryn Castle	ETA President	
Karen Westerman	DUEA	Hillcrest/Clinton

# Special Education Committee Highlights

## April 17, 2013

### **SEC Elections:**

The current openings for special education positions on the committee are related services (3), high-incidence (2), and early childhood (1 opening). Nominations will be accepted until April 24<sup>th</sup>. Voting will take place electronically via email at a date TBD.

### **UPDATES from Pam Harris, Director of Special Education**

- **Budget:** Special Education budget is very close to being spent for this school year. There has been an inordinate amount of move-in students with high needs this past month.

### **Leatrice Satterwhite, Assistant Director of Special Education**

- PIT Crew – There are four PIT crew substitutes out in buildings in addition to our full-time staff. There is one PIT crew request on the waiting list. Tina Pizzitola and Holly Yee are presenting on the PIT program used in our district at the National Resource Center for Paraeducators Conference in Salt Lake, Utah. Congratulations!

### **Presentation: Safety in Schools/Students with Weapons, Kelvin Lane, Coordinator of Student Discipline**

- Next school year, the goal is that no regular education students will be suspended more than ten days. Schools are coming up with alternative solutions to suspensions such as community service projects.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** student ID's, backpacks, and other items on a student are considered their personal space, and it is recommended that teachers not violate a student's personal space.
- Students with IEPs in place cannot be suspended for more than ten days without a manifestation determination meeting with the IEP team.
- Contact Kelvin Lane if you have any questions regarding student discipline policies.

**NEXT SEC MEETING**  
**May 7th, 2013**  
**ETA OFFICES**

**Your THOUGHTS ARE IMPORTANT TO US!**

This form may be used by both regular and special education teachers, as well as other interested persons, to communicate thoughts, ideas and concerns, to the Special Education Committee (SEC). *Please forward completed forms or emails to any committee member.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your thoughts, ideas and/or concerns? (Please be specific.)

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Who have you consulted?

- Principal
- Supervisor
- Resource Teacher
- Service Team
- Other colleagues
- Special Education Director (Pamela Harris)
- Service Team members

What was the outcome?

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You may be contacted for a short interview upon our receipt of this form.

Please check here to have your representative withhold your name from the group discussion. \_\_\_\_\_