

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.

Name	Title	School
Administrators		
Pamela Harris (Co-chair)	Special Education Director	ESC
Special Education Supervisors:		
Sue Nelson	Special Education Supervisor	ESC
Kathy Baud	Special Education Supervisor	ESC
Building Administrators:		
Cheryl DeRoo	Principal	Glenbrook
Kathy Davis	Principal	Abbott Middle School
Joan Reidel	Divisional	Larkin High School
High Incidence:		
Margaret Kruse	8 th 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.
Low Incidence:		
Heather Spencer	Cross Cat. Teacher/Voc. EN	BHS
Related Services:		
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
Early Childhood:		
Alejandra Ganddini	Early Childhood SPED Teacher	Independence
ETA At-Large	(Appointed Position- Not elected)	
Lynda Marquez	Elementary Teacher	Centennial
Laura Musatto	High School Gen Ed Teacher	Larkin High School
General Education:		
Lisa Burnell	Elementary Teacher	Century Oaks
Meghan Doyle (co-chair)	Elementary Teacher	Channing
Pamela Tonyan	Elementary Teacher	Wayne
Middle/High School:		
Kathleen Dickerson	High School Teacher	Larkin HS
Kathy Heikkinen	Middle School Teacher	Music
ESL/ Bilingual:		
Zulma Verdejo	Elementary Bilingual Teacher	Coleman
Regular Visitors:		
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

May 7, 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). Ballots were sent out electronically via **school** email. Please vote using the **one** ballot that is appropriate for your area of special education (ie: related services vote only for related services, not on the other ballots). Deadline for returning ballots is **May 15th** to the ETA office. You can put the ballot in the school mail in a white envelope, and sent via in-district mail. Be sure to sign your name on the seal of the envelope.

UPDATES from Pam Harris, Director of Special Education

- **Budget:** Federal monies are down approximately 5.2% for next year's budget district-wide. Waiting to see what the IDEA grant looks like for next year.
- **Big Universe:** Pam has asked the elementary and middle school building principals if they would like to continue using Big Universe for their building next school year. She has heard back from 23 schools so far that would like to continue using this program. The deadline to respond is this coming Friday, May 10.

Leatrice Satterwhite, Assistant Director of Special Education

- PIT Crew – Have four PIT crew members, and 1-1/2 PIT substitutes at this point.

Visitor: John Heiderscheidt, School District Safety Coordinator

- Would like to see mandatory CPI training for all special education staff
- Discussion about safety plans vs. behavior plans
- Recommends additional CPI coaches to help debrief/review situations

NEXT SEC MEETING

June 11th, 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.)

Use additional page(s) if necessary

Who have you consulted?

____ Principal

____ Supervisor

____ Resource Teacher

____ Service Team

____ Other colleagues

____ Special Education Director (Pamela Harris)

____ Service Team members

What was the outcome?

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. _____