

Special Education Committee

September 11, 2014

Attendance: Meghan Doyle, John Oliver, Veronica Kernler, Sundra Arroyo, Melissa Waxler, Tina Pizzitola, Karen Westerman, Joan Riedel, Elspeth Alvarado, Kathy Heikkinen, Maureen Lue, Jack Janezic, Leatrice Satterwhite, Tracey Jakaitis, Joyce Houston, Kathy Castle, Kelly O'Hara, Dianne Baczynski, Suzanne Johnson, Stephanie Hopkins

SEC Link:

Ellie will be taking care of the link for the 2014-2015 school year. The link may be found under Member to Member on the ETA website, as well as the Intranet under Special Ed. Stephanie is helping Ellie and Meghan create Google Forms. This may be a better way to share information regarding SEC.

Program Updates:

Leatrice Satterwhite shared that there are currently 6 PIT positions filled. There are 2 openings. We are in need of a bilingual candidate. If you know of someone, please pass the name on to Holly or Tina. There has been professional development for PIT. Also, PIT is gathering a supply list of needed materials. There have been 8 or so requests this school year, and currently one on a waiting list.

Suzanne Johnson shared the new structure of the Special Ed. Dept. that was developed after having an internal audit last school year. There will be ten recommendations made to the School Board on October 6th. SEC will discuss these recommendations further at the next meeting.

New Business:

SEC will be meeting on the following dates: October 9, November 13, January 13, February 18, March 12, April 22, and May 6.

SEC will continue with having guests at our meetings to discuss Special Ed. issues in other areas in the District.

Personal Communication:

There was one personal communication. The concern was at the middle school level, teachers are asked to volunteer to be a student's case manager if there is a 504 plan. If a teacher does not volunteer, they are asked to be the case manager. Teachers are concerned that there is little or no training made available to help guide with this legally binding document. SEC agreed that the case managers should have training and this issue is being looked into further.

NEXT SEC MEETING
October 9, 2014