

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2010

5:30-7:00

Members Present: Stella Smith; Lillian Sundy; Sandra Spurgeon-Tinker
Gayle Blackburn; Liesa Pickering; Sheldia Sparks; Cathy Evans, Kathy Dykes

Others Present: Mike Muncy, Rachel Baker, Sherri Williams

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order. There is not a quorum present, so approvals/amendments/motions could not be made.
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Consent Items
 - a. Review minutes—approve or amend.
 - b. Review minutes for the March meeting, approved or amend
- V. Old Business
 - a. Update from Ad-hoc committees

Education:

Ms. Tinker asked about the training for new teachers. Ms. Dykes stated that she will check with Human Resources, the training should come from their department. Human Resources does offer a program for mentoring new principals. The program for new teachers should look like something similar to the mentoring programs.

The resources available from retired teachers could be a wonderful resource for new teachers.

Another idea would be to have special education teachers available at open houses at the schools to provide support, answer questions, etc. for parents. Resources for parents regarding who to talk to regarding speech issues, etc. is helpful during these open houses.

Communication:

The AKA (Awareness, Knowledge, Advocacy) Institute will be held on April 17th, 2010 at Dunbar High School. Handouts were distributed.

“Seeking People of Color” meeting will be held on April 22, 2010 at Tates Creek Library from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The Kentucky Chapter of TASH will be seeking the input of

parents/guardians/ family members of children of color who are receiving special education services. The input received will be shared with KDE/DECS.

The parent luncheons have been successful. The camaraderie has been a great benefit for parents.

Vocational/Post Secondary:

Ms. Pickering reviewed her committee discussion regarding what options are available from Vocational Rehab for students after they leave high school. The goal is for placing people into jobs. The role of the counselor was discussed as well as how the school is identifying services for students. Next steps may be meeting with guidance counselors. How do students get information?

We may need to post items/resources on the website. Creating more sources of information for students in Central Kentucky is needed.

The ILP may be useful in listing information. Parents working with their children at home may be helpful. Focusing directly on what the child is interested in and the scholarships available for those students on the website is an excellent resource.

An ILP session is planned for the AKA Institute on April 17th.

Lots of training resources but the information is not out there for vocational skills training. The ILP is great because of the record keeping progress.

What is the point of entry? These students have to pass the Compass Test. We need to have more information available at ARC meetings. The worst thing in high school is what is next?

The gap is there between the college norm group and the non-college group. Counselors need to work with kids to prevent failure. We don't need to set up kids for failure.

There will be a Celebration of Disability Expo – Heritage Hall – Thursday, April 22nd

Placement/Service:

No committee update at this time.

b. Stimulus Update

1.7 million is left in the Stimulus Funds budget. Question regarding whether the schools have received the 10k orders.

VI. New Business

A quorum was not present, and the group reviewed and discussed the previous meeting; group discussed research based programs, and components of those.

The group discussed summer trainings through the CKSEC co-op.

- a. Discuss agenda items for upcoming meetings
- b. Upcoming Summer Training Opportunities for staff

VII. Open Chair (15 minutes)

- a. Public Comments

No comments at this time.

- b. Individual comments from council—

No comments at this time.

VIII. Adjournment of meeting

Meetings adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

- IX. Ad-hoc Group Meetings (locations will be secured by meeting time)
 - Communication
 - Education
 - Placement/Services
 - Vocational/Post-Secondary