

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2011

5:30-7:00

Members Present: Kathy Dykes, Rachel Baker, Rachel Gott (Jones), Janice Horohov, Gaye Blackburn, Sheldia Sparks, Leisa Pickering, Karen Guettler- James, Kim Grasso,

Presentation: None

I. Call to Order: Mrs. Dykes called meeting to order.

II. Introductions: Debra Flora our intern introduced herself to the committee.

III. Approval of Agenda: Leisa motioned to approve the agenda and Sheldia seconded the motion for approval.

IV. Approval of Consent Items

- a. **Review minutes approve or amend:** Minutes were reviewed and a change made from 2010 to 2011 on last page. Another change is the misspelling of Horohov and Lisa Pickering is Leisa Pickering. Motion to approve made by Stella and a seconded by Rachel Jones.

V. Old Business

- a. Update from Ad-Hoc Committees

Education: No report at this time. Sheldia did contact Herald Leader today to get information to retired teachers. All things are ready to go for volunteering. Garden Springs is interested in having a special education representative on the PTA's. Mrs. Grasso provided a rough draft of special education awareness week to Glendover. She has been working with the counselor there to introduce the week throughout the curriculum in the school. The goal is to have teacher at every grade level do a curriculum based piece for educating kids about disabilities. Kim Grasso will also become the chair of the Education committee.

Communication: Stella discussed YOYO surveys are beginning. The survey is a follow up with student one year after graduation. Stella has also discussed doing a mock ARC video and parent rights video for parents as well as information through the parent resource center. Stella discussed the Gummy Bear club and working with Leadership Lexington. A guide to developing your own program has been developed for distribution. The program is Kindness Is Power. Stella discussed the Autism Week. There will be a parent day on August 6th for parents of kids with Autism to do some networking among families.

Vocational/Post Secondary: No report at this time. Leisa mentioned two items: how much are FCPS students using Read, Write Gold. The program is loaded into the computer labs and mobiles are used as well with students. At a meeting at Morehead

Insight, parents discussed about a student that is visually impaired in terms of getting materials on time in Braille. The materials seemed always delayed and felt student was being held back and felt teacher wasn't too concerned. Leisa said she would share and get them to the right people. Leisa is going to connect them with appropriate Fayette County administrators.

Placement/Services: No report but is continuing to develop information gained from high schools to help develop a generic model. Karen hopes to get some baseline data and see about the experience of transitioning into middle and high school but trying to also examine the differences. Some things may be similar and other issues may be different. Sheldia asked about this for preschoolers as well. Karen thinks she can hopefully work on all levels this summer but again differences in concerns and issues..

VI. New Business

- a. Updated version of By-Laws (changes approved at March 2011 meeting): Mrs. Dykes underlined the changes in the bylaws so all members would be aware of the changes that were discussed in March.
- b. Handout of Dates for next year: Mrs. Dykes will make changes to the date to be the year 2012
- c. Other Items:
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 2. _____
 3. _____

VII. Open Chair (15 Minutes)

- a. Public Comments: no public comments as no one is present
- b. Individual Comments from council: No comments from members at this time.

VIII. Adjournment of meeting: Motion by Kim Grasso to adjourn and Alva Clark seconded the motion