

SEPAC MEETING
October 19, 2023
6:30 online via Zoom

Start: 6:30

End: 7:45

Participants:

Noelle Bisinger

Jenna Casey

Chris Harris

Nancy Scully

Larae Drinkhouse

Kyle Shireman

Lori Cassidy

Ammie Davis

Ilana Ablon

Amanda Barbieri

Kate Gregoire

Welcome

- Thank you for participating
- Procedures
 - Purpose of Committee (guidelines provided)
- Participant introductions

Discussion

Last Year Recap:

- Donations to Autism Speaks (NJ) and CDG Care
 - we donated \$1300 total
- End of Year Parent Survey Results
 - went out to entire special education parent population - 11 people responded to the 3 questions. May resend in the fall.
 1. What topics are you most interested in from a presenter? Preparation for post-secondary opportunities, opioid presentation were two of the responses
 2. What other inclusion events would you like to see in the district? Responses were happy with what is already being done
 3. Any suggestions for committee: low responses but a few requests for virtual meetings

A Look Ahead at This Year:

- National Special Education Day - December 1st
- Unified Sports Bowling Club, Jr/ Sr. High - Winter, Sign up information is forthcoming.
 - Looking into adding another sport (suggestions for track, golf/Top Golf, bocce ball).
- Spectrum Sports Inclusive Activity Nights - Winter, TBD
 - Great feedback from last year! A lot of interest in continuing for this year.
- Rock Your Socks for Down Syndrome - March 21st
- AHS Volleyball Tournament, benefiting Autism NJ - February, TBD
- Neurodiversity Week - Spring, TBD
- Inclusive Walk for Acceptance, Spring, TBD
- CDG Day - May 16th

Local Opportunities/ Resources- not affiliated with or recommended by APS. Shared on agenda.

Info Shared:

-Revamping the Life Skills program at the high school - updates with curriculum, Curriculum Based Instruction, work-based experiences, community experiences, WAVE (Work And Vocational Experiences) program, Breakfast Express, Surf Shop, Human Relations class

-Interact Club has over 100 members this year - many events coming up this year including SEPAC events and other special ed related activities

-Brainstorm ideas for events/assemblies/stickers for Special Education Day and inclusion/acceptance.

- Discussion regarding inclusion and how to support it.