

SEPAC Meeting

November 18, 2021

Attendees:

Noelle Bisinger
Larae Drinkhouse
Pennie Bigelow
Chris Harris
Kate Lin
Ammie Davis
Theresa Salamone
John Walsh
Molly Fleming
Jane Byrne
Lori Cassidy
Melissa Falkowski
Eileen Willis

Start: 6:37

Attendance & Reading of Purpose/Goals for S.E.P.A.C. Club

Events, News, Updates:

-Unified Sports, Special Olympics process has started at the high school

-Start date anticipated winter 2022

-Care Solace partnership

-Takes the leg work out of getting assistance with mental health agencies

-Open to all in Audubon School community

-Interact Club Sponsored Hour of Power Walk for Muscular Dystrophy

-5th year sponsoring the walk, raised over \$1000

Upcoming dates or events

-Pajama Drive- January 2022

-To benefit: Camden County- Voorhees Pediatric Facility

-Pajamas of all sizes- especially larger teen sizes needed

-National Special Education Day- December 2

-Staff will wear shirts to celebrate

-International Day of Persons with Disabilities- December 3

- Rock your Socks- Global Down Syndrome Awareness Day- March 21
- Autism Awareness Month-April
- AHS Volleyball Tournament- Feb 23 – Interact Club- proceeds to benefit Autism NJ
- CDG Day, May 16, Wear Green

Resources

- NJ Department of Human Services Handout
 - Resources to help families with anything they would need

Local Opportunities:

- We Rock the Spectrum- “The Gym for all Kids”
- Spectrum Sports- DDD Approved
- Camden County disABILITIES & Special Needs
- First Children’s Services
- Temple Anxiety Clinic
- Rowan All Star Sports Clinic (School of Osteopathic medicine)
- The Spot, Station Ave in Haddon Heights- offer parent education, coaching, group play, etc.
- Luke’s Place, Atlantic Ave- over 21 year old special needs social opportunities
- A Room for Luke

Open Discussion

- Goals for S.E.P.A.C. this year
 - Support the events and clubs that are working their way back from the pandemic and the new events like Unified sports
 - Find ways to connect younger kids with the older students (Unified sports, clubs, etc.)
 - Celebrating and growing acceptance- create a t-shirt that shares that message and have a walk for acceptance of all students
 - Disabilities Awareness Program at the elementary schools; maybe speakers at the high school; Community Outreach
 - T-Shirt created to celebrate acceptance
 - Possible group walk (all 3 schools) to celebrate during the school day/activity period

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