

Parent Involvement Meeting

10/25/2010
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Room 131 WHS

Meeting called by:
Janelle Yanni

Type of meeting: Parent
Partnership

Facilitator:Janelle with
presenters Mary Lou
Stagno and Michael
Foust

Note taker:Janelle

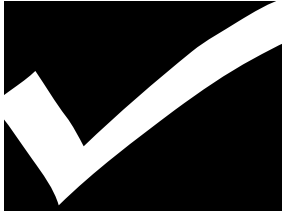
Timekeeper:Janelle

Attendees:Janelle, Mary
Lou, Michael, Kathy
Bisceglia, Nicole
Rohenaz, Veronica
Bedard, Rori Wood, Joe
Mackey, Pamela Vincent,
Carleen Legault, Karen
Fumarola, Nick Mackey,
Barbara DiPofi

----- Agenda Topics -----

Welcome Back and Introductions	Janelle	5
An introduction to co-teaching	Janelle	5
Presentation on co-teaching	Michael Foust	40
Questions	All	5
Next Steps	Janelle	5

Other Information



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Discussion: Everyone introduced themselves since there were some new members at this meeting. Six parents attended and one special education student who came with his grandfather.

Conclusions: Letters were sent home to all parents with a student at Watervliet with special needs. Over two hundred letters were sent out. We would like attendance to improve.

Action items:

NA

Person responsible:

NA

Deadline:

NA

An introduction to co-teaching		Janelle	5
<p>Discussion: Janelle discussed how every teacher in the school district recently received professional development focusing on co-teaching. It was discussed that more students are being mainstreamed with the services of a consultant teacher as support and some regular education teachers with their special ed. teachers are co-teaching to benefit the students as well as themselves. We had two teachers at the meeting, Michael Foust and MaryLou Stagno who have been co-teaching this year in their English classroom and it seems to be really working for their students. The smart board was used for the presentation and the parents were really impressed with the teaching method as well as the technology that was being used.</p>			
<p>Conclusions: Parents were impressed by the presentation and many stayed after the presentation to discuss in small groups with the staff, questions and ideas that they had.</p>			
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:	
NA	NA	NA	
Presentation on co-teaching		Michael Foust	40
<p>Discussion: Michael Foust and MaryLou Stagno presented a power point on co-teaching that was used during a recent professional development for all teachers in the Watervliet City School District. The smart board was used.</p>			
<p>Conclusions: Parents and staff were impressed with presentation.</p>			
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:	
NA	NA		

Questions	All	5
<p>Discussion: The question was asked how do the teachers have time for creating their lesson plans together and they said that they make the time by: e-mailing, making time during the day and talking after the school days ends. The curriculum goals are the same for all students and the accommodations are put in place by the special education teacher. One parent asked if co-teaching was being done at the high school level. The answer was that it is not at this time. Consultant teacher services are provided indirectly at the high school and co-teaching is something we would like to consider in the future. Resource Room is also offered at the high school level.</p>		
<p>Conclusions: The continuum of services for special education must be continuously evaluated to make sure that we are meeting the needs of our students.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
NA	Na	Na

Next Steps	Janelle	5
<p>Discussion: Parents suggested that our next topic for our meeting should be about bullying.</p>		
<p>Conclusions: Carleen Legault is going to look at finding presenters for the January 10th meeting. One who will speak about bullying from a personal point of view and one from a professional point of view.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Carleen will contact Janelle regarding presenters. The next SINI after school meeting will be Nov. 15 th at 3:00 in Janelle's office.	Carleen and Janelle	January 3 rd .

Other Information