

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, Dec 9 2014 **Time:** 6-7:30pm

Location: District Office Board Room

Agenda:

1. Introducing our 2 new SEPAC co-chairs, Kris and Lisa, as Parent Representatives for the advisory committee. **Thank you Kris and Lisa for your willingness to be more involved!**
2. Sensory Integration and Regulation presentation, presented by district Occupational therapists. **Video tape of this presentation available with this link:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKAAGgXidLk> (approx. 34 min long)
3. Navigating Outside Resources presentation by guest speaker, Chris Loose, parent and support planning and training, and Angie Gjerde, DD Case Management. **Video tape of these presentations available with the following link:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LE9r1Fdjfd4&feature=youtu.be> (1 hour, 4 minutes long)

Chris talked about items paid for by social services for child with disability: money for gluten free diet, money to hire staff to work with child, adaptive equipment, software and computer equipment, timer, books, materials, conferences, therapies outside of the school, person to bring child to programs they might otherwise be able to attend.

Angie spoke about DD Case Management. It is a voluntary program, but can help you get to resources you would not be able to access otherwise. Angie talked about waivers, CDCS grants, PCA services as well as other transitional services for your child as they move into adulthood and another whole set of needs. She also talked about what it means to be “SMRT”ed and “deemed” disabled. Watch the attached u-tube video clip for more information.

Handouts:

New Prague Area Social Services Contacts:

<http://www.npaschools.org/sites/default/files/images/92/New%20Prague%20Area%20Scoil%20Services%20contacts.pdf>

Scott County DD Case Management:

<http://www.npaschools.org/sites/default/files/images/92/Scott%20County%20Case%20Management%20for%20Developmental%20Disabilities.pdf>

MN STAR Program for AT needs:

<http://www.npaschools.org/sites/default/files/images/92/MN%20STAR%20Program%20brochure.pdf>

4. LEEP, teen leisure experience for exceptional students. Working with Janelle Kirsch, community education director at making this a reality for our New Prague

students. Amy, Renee, Janelle, and Kris and Lisa, our 2 parent representatives, met to discuss how we could bring a recreation program to New Prague. Several parents felt that recreation for teens and preteens was a need area. Janelle reported that there are adaptive activities in the new community ed brochure coming out (adaptive modge pdoge and adaptive gardening). We will look at developing teen recreation programs for the summer months in alignment with ESY and tap into organizations that need community service time to help with staffing. We will send out a parent survey to look for interest level and ideas of types of activities most interested in.

5. Reminder about the upcoming “Successful Students” event on February 5 in Prior Lake.

Registration is still open for this great event:

Register for this FREE event at www.priorlakesavagece.com or call 952.226.0080.

Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome.

<http://www.npaschools.org/sites/default/files/images/92/21434%20SF%20Successful%20Students.pdf>

6. Other topics brought forth by attendees

Follow Up items:

1. Survey for interest level and types of activities we should offer will be sent out
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Next Meetings:

Thursday, February, 5, 2015 Free **Successful Parents** Event held at Prior Lake High School 7-8:30

April Meeting, TBD

Website: <http://www.npaschools.org/organization>