

**2008-2009**

April 17, 2009

## **Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)**

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Welcome:**

The Director of Special Education called the meeting to order.

#### **Approval of Summary:**

The summary from the February 6, 2009 meeting was approved as read.

#### **Transition Fair Update:**

The Transition Fair had attendance as follows:

CISD teachers 36

Exhibitors 60

Parents 124

Out of District 7

1 student who had already graduated.

Parents and students from 23 campuses were in attendance.

This year's Transition Fair was a great success and the response from the participating exhibitors was that it was very well organized.

#### **The Parent Resource Center:**

Parent Express II Workshop

**April 21, 2009:** 9:00 am – 7:00 pm at Walter P. Jett Center. A Spanish interpreter will be available from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

**April 25, 2009:** Estate and Guardianship Planning Workshop, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Walter P. Jett.

#### **Parent Handbook Update:**

A draft copy of the Parent Handbook was presented at the meeting. Final revisions will be made and then translated into Spanish. Copies will be available on campuses and at the Parent Resource Center in August 2009. The handbook will also be posted online on the Special Education website.

#### **SEPAC Meeting dates for 2009 - 2010:**

October 16, 2009

January 29, 2010

April 16, 2010

#### **Projects for 2009 - 2010:**

Transition Fair projected date: **March 4, 2010**

A discussion was held regarding the content of the Parent Resource Newsletter. Positive feedback was received about the summer camp information in the last edition. Suggestions were made to keep the newsletter focused and brief. Suggested topics included agency supports/programs, Special Olympics, and campus highlights.

A proposal was made to create Transition Tool Kits. The kits would contain information that would be beneficial for parents such as agency information as well as activities available during the summer. This tool kit would be available in the Diagnostician's office at the elementary and secondary levels.

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm

