



Special Education Advisory Council

Minutes

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Mary Kay Allbright, Director of Special Education.

Approval of Summary:

The summary from the September 9, 2005, meeting was approved with no corrections.

Membership 2005-2006:

Returning council members were welcomed and one new member was introduced.

Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Training:

All Special Education teachers have recently received Individual Education Plan (IEP) training. The District Support Team presented this same IEP training to members of SEPAC. Favorable feedback was given after the presentation. The District Support Team members were praised for their outstanding work with CISD staff members. Additional training opportunities for the 2005-06 school year were shared with members.

Parent Training:

Information was given about Parent Express Training. This training will be presented to parents during January at The Parent Resource Center. Training opportunities will be available during the day and in the evening.

Parent Information Meetings:

Recently, representatives from New Danville, a proposed community for students with disabilities, presented information to parents at The Parent Resource Center. The Arc of Greater Houston also presented information about how parents could start an Arc in the Conroe area. During the month of November, a social security workshop will also be held for parents.

Parent Handbook:

The Parent Handbook is being updated and translated into Spanish.

Transition Fair:

SEPAC members made a decision to allow surrounding school districts in Region VI to attend the transition fair scheduled for March 2, 2006. Postcards about the transition fair will be sent to all special education students at the Senior High, Junior High, and Intermediate levels in Conroe ISD.

Texas Assessment Program:

The ARD Committee Decision Process for the Texas Assessment Program was shared with SEPAC members. Training is planned for all special education professional staff. Parent training in this process is scheduled and interpreters will be available for parents whose primary language is Spanish.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.