

Administration Update

Margie Bard (MHS) provided an update:

- We have a student at the Grand Opening of Wawa in Cinnaminson representing Special Olympics Unified Team – he travels to several Wawas to do this.
- Coffee Club – have been doing this for several years, but recently got approval to sell iced coffee to Senior Privilege students. Now also following Dunkin' Donuts procedures, to help build employability. Partnered with Business Dept/Entrepreneurship class to do flyers and commercials.
- Also worked Business class to develop and sell Moorestown knit hats (\$20) at athletic events and during school. Proceeds supports Community Based Instruction program. Great way (along with Coffee Club) for Special Ed students to interact with General Ed students.
- Job placements: McDonalds – former student (who is now a current employee at McDonalds) trained one of our current students, Moorestown Field House, Puddlejumpers, Panera, ShopRite, Dunkin' Donuts, Rec Center (formed Bow Wow bakery, make dog biscuits – looking at how to distribute/sell), Walgreens, Saladworks, TJ Maxx, HomeGoods, Moorestown Hardware Store (new addition), Barnes & Noble, Wawa, Wendy's, Virtua. These various jobs meet a wide variety of skills and abilities. We have met 15 out of the 16 career clusters developed by the state.
- We want to bring jobs into the building! E.g., sorting and bundling cards for honeygrow Restaurants, labelling and packaging Five Below t-shirts. Works great for younger/more involved students, incorporating into a math lesson, for example. Question came up about opportunities for GE students to participate in these activities – talked about Tuesday Club (in high school bulletin, at Club Fair, at recommendation of teachers)

David Tate / Cindy Moskalow update:

- Combining rec/leisure with life/employment skills for in-school classes: Poshmark & Cricket – use as opportunity to build skills (everything from sewing buttons, texting, selling). If anyone has any ideas for projects, please let her know.
- Unified Soccer at MHS ended, Unified Basketball starting at WAMS & MHS. Unified Club at UES is up and running, in process at MHS.
- Budget process is gearing up. Put a request in to make the current .5 FTE School Psychologist (new this year) FT starting in January.
- Increase in social/emotional support needs at WAMS and MHS. Looking into what may be causing this. This is a trend across districts. Taken very seriously and consumes a lot of time, particularly for case managers.

- Staffing: Case manager load is high – looking at ways to improve this (considering adding a .5 FTE Social Worker at WAMS). Will continue to look at this. Also evaluating other staffing needs.
- Registered Behavior Technician training (5-6 non-consecutive days at WAMS) has started again this year. Initially offered for paras, now a number of teachers are interested and enrolled. Issue is finding subs for paras. Looking into possibility of holding it over the summer.
- Bus paras – looking at training. We currently use an individual training approach, but looking at adding a general training as well.

SpEAC Business

- Talked about how to share Margie’s info with greater population (Curriculum Corner, SpEAC website/Facebook, Home & School).
- CBI – can we look at integrating GE students into CBI outings? Cindy explained that it is an instructional strategy, not a “program.” Definitely can consider – more difficult at high school level, easier at lower levels. Suggested looking at ways in could be incorporated into academics at high school level – e.g., entrepreneur class, students interested in education.
- Awareness Committee (Amy Barton) – we have about 4 people interested, planning a meeting. Will discuss mission, budget, brainstorm for a clear campaign idea.
- Trying to also rollout an Information Planning/Education committee – no interest yet.
- Transition Planning Session – working on rescheduling to a new date in January.
- New SpEAC brochures are being printed, will be distributed to School Reps.
- Community House Holiday Shop – Special shopping time (less crowds, noise) this Friday 11/30, 5-6:30pm.
- Parks & Rec Special Needs Provider Fair – Sunday, January 27th. SpEAC will have a table. We will need volunteers.
- Fundraising – need to talk about how we want to fundraise and how we want to spend it.
- Scholarship – currently a SpEAC scholarship that is funded through Home & School and selected by teachers/counselors. Discussed how to change/improve it, incorporate more involvement at MHS recognition night.