

## SpEAC Minutes

5/24/18

- Usha Vig, SV Chair spoke about the Inclusive playground project at Robert's School. Funds are currently being raised and grants considered. The playground will cost \$90,000. Currently waiting to hear back from TD Bank on a grant. Home & School is donating funds to the playground. Ideas were brainstormed for how to raise additional funds.
- Dr. Tate: The district is fine tuning next year's schedule and working on end of year.
- ESY programming at UES this summer, working with transportation, staff and paras. It is all coming together nicely.
- PARCC testing went well this year. Finishing up DLM testing, PARCC alternative, so that students do not have to do portfolio.
- Unified Sports went well this spring: WAMS track, HS track. Planning to expand next year at UES.
- Hiring for next year: additional ½-time school psychologist, full time Learning consultant and 1/2-time Nurse.
- Working on providing drivers and aides additional training and hoping to have out sourced drivers trained as well.
- MHS Unified Basketball Team traveling to Seattle in July to represent the State of NJ in the Olympic Games.
- Parents expressed concerns about new rules for next year at MHS regarding use of headphones. No longer allowed in hallways for safety reasons.
- SpEAC conference was discussed and it was decided among the group to table for the coming school year, possible to do it every other year. Looking for ideas for parent education for next year in place of the conference, possibly a night meeting. Guest speakers, etc.
- Discussion of how to reach new parents. Need new ideas, and new parents. Getting the word out about how SpEAC helps the general MTPS population, ie SMILE program, HS Vocational program and Unified Sports program.
  - Ideas included:
    - -BTSN table
    - -MTPS/SpEAC website
    - -mission statement
    - -Fundrasier gala
    - -Pinsetters night
    - -Parent Education nights
    - -Ice cream social table
- Representatives present, voted on changing SpEAC by-laws and passed policy change.
- Also, voted in favor of making SpEAC, 501 (c)(3) organization.

- Co-Chair needed for next year.
- SpEAC Slate for 2018-2019 school year:
  - Chair, Jonnene Dunne
  - Co-Chair,
  - Secretaary, Dria Law
  - Treasurer, Michelle McVay Arnold
  - Communications: Julie Sattinger
- School representatives:
  - MHS: Diane Doherty, Amy Barton, Kimmie Smith
  - WAMS: Jamie Fairchild
  - UES: open
  - Roberts: Sandi Tetreault
  - Baker: Cindy Coyle
  - SV: open
  - Out of District: Jenny Legath