

## SpEAC. Meetings for 2014-2015

December 11, 2014

January 15, 2015

February 12, 2015

March 12, 2015

April 23, 2015

May 7, 201p

Dave Tate spoke first:

People first language is being examined in context of Board meetings. Revisions are being made over the course of the year.

Parcc training will occur during the teacher in service days. It will be replacing NJ ASK. Also, MAP testing discontinued. Results from the Parcc testing will be used as a triangulation into after school reading programs and gifted- talented programs.

Laptops being given to students so they can explore Parcc and the accommodation features. This will allow the teachers to know what accommodations work best for each child. Kids can practice online. The testing typically takes place when the senior trip occurs.

Nov 4th cst - extra training for dyslexia and assistive technology

Also behavior management training for paraprofessionals

Crisis prevention and training to help children

Students who previously took ALP will now take the Dynamic learning module exam. Test may take in late spring. Each child will be tested on individual level.

Testing for students in grade 3 through 8 and 11.

High school students in self contained class started their job training

In reference to the law signed in effect by Gov. Christie this summer regarding sports for special needs students, the township is waiting for state guidance

Dave Tate toured rec. center with Theresa Miller

Lengthy discussion regarding after school clubs and sports opportunities for the special needs students. The feeling was to create an after school opportunity on school grounds and perhaps get students from Interact involved.

The group then listened to statements from candidates running for Township Council and the Board of Education.

Stacey Jordan: delivered a statement and discussed variety of rec department opportunities for special needs students. She was a special ed teacher so our interests and concerns are of particular interest to her.

Manny Delgado:

Parent of four kids. Has extensive involvement with community development. He works in Camden and is involved in infrastructure, park development, the KROC center, works with DEP, housing, and schools.

Pete Palko delivered a statement to the group. He is running for the Board of Education

He is the father of three children who are in or have gone through our school system. He has also been a coach and is active in the community. He also runs a successful business and is very tuned into what makes sense financially. He found our meeting and issues informative.

Paraprofessionals issue was brought to the candidate's attention