

SpEAC Minutes

1/11/18

Margie Bard started the meeting updating on the MHS Jobs Program:

There are several students working in the community at: Wawa, Shoprite, Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Foodworks, McDonalds, RCBC Bookstore, RCBC Data entry, Philadelphia Zoo, just to name a few.

The students have been working on several big projects over the past month including:

Delran Fire Dept. Fire Prevention Week Packets

Assembled 5,000 gift cards

Delran catering company utensil packet assembly

Button packaging for 5 Below

Welcome Resident packets for Mount Laurel Electric Company

Field House Halloween goody bags

Gift wrap at the Mall and flyer distribution to all the stores

Working with 2 Food Banks in the area,

Otis Spunkmeyer cookie packets

Bus Aide Training

Looking for additional job opportunities for the students, if you or your company has contacts for jobs or projects, please contact Margie Bard.

The NJ Dept. of Education has 16 career clusters for evaluating these job programs. MHS has covered 15 of the 16 career clusters. Great job!

Matthew Keith spoke about the proposed schedule changes at WAMS for upcoming school year. The proposed schedule would be from the current 9 periods at 42 minutes each to 8 periods at 52 minutes each. The trimester classes would be eliminated and put onto the in-support classes. Adding pull out support to the World Language calls, making them on team. Looking to have three full teams. Back to S1/S2 and A/B format. This would add 12 minutes to the day, proposing start time at WAMS, same as MHS. Looking into traffic solutions, if both schools have same start time. This would add 1,800 extra minutes for the year to the schedule.

Dr. David Tate

Looking at next year's budget and making projections. Special Education population has gone from approx. 13% to 18% over the past 10 years. Growing at 1% per year.

Two of the Special Education secretaries retired in December 2017. Working on replacements and making a smooth as possible transition.

Training Grant for Registered Behavior Training (RBT) has been very successful. It is a 40 hour intensive training with a test and annual recertification process.

Looking at bussing for next year. Hoping to get all Special Education routes covered in house and to have in house bus aide.

Discussion about pre school inclusion at Roberts. Several children moved into the district in December, requiring additional classroom and staff. Staff is making sure numbers are where they need to be legally and appropriate staff. Any questions or concerns, reach out to Mr. Frank Sein or Dr. David Tate. The MTPS staff is open to working together with parent for the success of our students.

The MHS MD program has a teacher going out on maternity leave and a service dog coming in. Staff is working with students to make it a smooth transition.

Unified HS Basketball program has several events coming up. The district will get the information out to the community via email and social media. Please come out and support the team.

SpEAC business:

SpEAC conference fast approaching and we could use lots of help.

We are reaching out to everyone on the SpEAC Board as well as anyone who's offered to help with the conference or who has helped in the past. We could use everyone's assistance securing vendors and/or sponsors for the conference. If you know anyone you know who might be interested - anyone you work with like therapists, service providers, medical offices, law offices, etc., Perhaps even your employer or your spouse's employer might be interested in being a conference sponsor?

Additionally, if you have a breakout topic you'd like to see AND you have someone in mind to present it, please let us know ASAP. We may still have some breakout session slots available. Keep in mind we are not able to pay for breakout presenters but they get a complimentary vendor table in exchange for their time. Last but certainly not least - if anyone is able to help secure food & beverage donations for the Continental breakfast please let us know that asap too! Reach out to Jana @ Jljd29@aol.com.

Our keynote speaker this year is [Patrick Schwarz, Ph.D.](#) and his address will be, "From Disability to Possibility: The Power of Inclusion". He will be presenting two of the breakout sessions for us as well - one geared for parents, the other for teachers/staff/providers. We're very excited to have him!

Michele is continuing to work through the 5©(3) process for SpEAC. We are working on changing bi-laws in a few areas.

We are looking to keep SpEAC a solid organization and are looking for people that are interested in stepping up to help in areas for next year and in years to come. Please reach out if you are interested or have questions. Contact information on SpEAC website and FB page.

Next Meeting: Feb. 15, 2018 @ 6:30pm, Moorestown Community House Boardroom. There will be representation from summer camps in the area.

SAVE THE DATE: SpEAC Conference: April 14, 2018