



Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
October 21, 2019

The Special Education Advisory Council promotes a partnership between the parents, the community and the District. They work collaboratively to promote excellence and high expectations for all by embracing diversity, encouraging inclusion while promoting awareness of individual differences.

In Attendance:

Amy Bernett
Dr. Rebecca Cunningham
Raina Dunlap
Amanda Frischling
Darlene Howell
Marie Spence
Jackie Smith
Sharon Smith
Trisha Webb

Competitive Integrated Employment Grant (CIE)

The district was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) focused on improving competitive employment options for student with disabilities. There were an abundance of applications submitted by LEAs from across the Commonwealth that held merit and showed a commitment to expanding effective competitive integrated employment programs, so being selected as a recipient is quite an accomplishment. SEAC members were instrumental in helping to develop and write the grant proposal.

As part of this grant, the district is looking to establish partnerships with local businesses to provide expanded opportunities to students. The district is looking for businesses who would be willing to:

- **Business Tour/Visit:** Allow students to visit your business.
- **Job Shadowing:** Provide a student the opportunity to spend part of a day with a worker in the workplace.
- **Mentoring:** Provide a student the opportunity to spend part of a day on a weekly basis with a worker in the workplace.
- **Work-Based Opportunities:** Train a student on the job site.
- **Advisory Committee Member:** Serve as an advisor on program development.
- **Career Awareness:** Provide information about your profession in the school setting.
- **Assist a Class:** Be a guest speaker, assist with job search skills such as resume writing, job search strategies, interviewing.

If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact Mrs. Smith at sharon.smith@ht-sd.org.

Review of the Mission Statement & Belief Statements

The mission statement was reviewed as well as the belief statements selected to capture the purpose of the group and to acknowledge the core tenets shared by our committee members that drive our organization's culture and commitment.

Discussion of SEAC Membership

There is currently a need for a SEAC member to represent Central Elementary as Jill Schiller is no longer able to participate. Discussions on establishing term limits and methods for ensuring continuity with the committee continued. A decision on these procedures will be made at the next meeting. Mrs. Smith will be developing a draft of a SEAC brochure for the committee to review at the next meeting.

Parent Training Night

A Parent Training Night is scheduled for November 13, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Hampton Middle School. The following agencies will be in attendance to present to the group:

- Hampton CEO Program (Competitive Employment Options) – Sharon Smith
- Family Behavioral Resources (FBR)
- Maximizing Adolescent Potential (MAPs)
- PEAL Center
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

Another training will be scheduled for the spring.

Parent Survey

The district agreed to participate in a survey from the Local Task Force #3 which should be sent out in January/February 2020. The survey is confidential and the information will be combined into a report and shared with the State Task Force and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Your participation will help implement changes for the continued improvement of special education in Pennsylvania.

Quarterly Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday, January 15, 2020
- Wednesday, March 18, 2020
- Tuesday, May 19, 2020