

WOSEPAC-BOE MEETING 10-24-2018

9:15 am

Present: Kristin Gogerty, Dawn Ribeiro, Amber Newsome, Martha Singer

Notes by Martha Singer

1. Special Education Policy

Special Education has had a written policy in WO for years. Revisions were recently made and there is a draft for people to give feedback on. KG has chart which shows where changes were made between "old" and "new" policy.

- A. WOSEPAC will Doodle poll its board and liaisons to determine date when we can give feedback (Waiting for KG to send us the dates).
- B. KG possibly would like to do small group feedback where each small group looks at specific sections of policy at roundtables.

2. October 19, IEP Binder Workshop:

Amber Newsome spoke about event and shared feedback about the workshop which appears to have been a success.

Good: Icebreaker session for parents. IEP Quiz, SMART Goals, Template for parents to request testing by town or outside testing.

Need to change: Need microphone, Need to share responsibility across WOSEPAC (too much for one person), set limit on age of children coming to entertainment.

Over 30 people showed up for event and the binders were donated by Understood. Binder filled with information from SPAN and Understood.org.

3. Parent Workshops from Morris and Union:

Flyer from KG that needs to be scanned and sent out to our membership about courses/workshops being offered in the area.

4. Resource Expo (Chaired by Gina Velazquez):

To be held in Edison Gym on Nov 1, 2018.

Need 18 tables for vendors, 2 tables for food, 1 table for sign-in. Also need at least 50 chairs for audience, podium and microphone.

5. Restraint and Seclusion

- a. Lecture by Joseph Young planned for December 5 (NEED A FLYER MADE FOR THIS TO ANNOUNCE).  
KG and other Special Services Employees will be there. Will have a Parking Lot style question collection where people have post-it notes and we will collect and pin up so we can bring them directly to JY or, if some questions are for Special Services, they can answer some that night--and those that will be touched upon in their presentation in January, can be held for that time.
- b. Spec Ed to present their policy on January 3

- c. Later in January, on Monday night, Nicole will present the hands on (including role-playing) portion of the policy with how to de-escalate. Based on same training she does with BOE administration, teachers and paraprofessionals.
- 6. Spec Ed Code will be presented at February WOSEPAC meeting (originally for January).
- 7. Out of District Input Survey/Letter:  
Plan a Meeting for OOD in mid-late February.
  - a. KG looked at Survey written by AN and suggested that we include cover letter. Survey intended to increase membership, inform OOD parents/guardians of our events and other workshops in the area, and also to get feedback from them. Takes 24-48 hours to send out after we give to KG.
  - b. Issue of OOD Transportation:  
We may need to have a whole meeting on Transportation. Misunderstanding about how the system works in WO. Who to contact if problems. The chain of communication in WO, etc. Maybe we can have Bus Coop and Transportation come and speak with parents.  
  
IF PROBLEMS, CONTACT TRANSPORTATION DIRECTLY (and can cc KG, if you want). Transport contacts the Co-op (could be Sussex or Essex). Then the Co-op gets back to Transportation in WO, who follows up with Special Services. IF CHANGES ARE MADE, BY LAW, they have to go out and get a quote, then bus companies bid.  
Meanwhile, there is a temporary transportation that fills in until new bus is determined.