

CAC Special Education Committee – Meeting Minutes of October 21st, 2014

In attendance:

Melissa Owens, Sarah Thompson, Melissa Waxler, Leatrice Satterwhite, Jillian Barker, Antonita King, Robert Salis, Marisol Gonzalez, Ruth Beckner, and Lisa White.

I. Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm. Approval of August 19th minutes and September 16th minutes was motioned by Lisa White and seconded by Robert Salis. Motion approved.

II. Discussion of Special Education University:

Melissa Waxler reported that all presenters have an outline of what we would like presented at the SPED-U session. M. Waxler does not have a copy of that available for this meeting, but she has verified it. Melissa Owens suggested that we remind attendees that questions will need to be left until after the sessions for time constraints.

M. Waxler confirms that SWEP has the order for food. Mary Gonzalez confirmed her supplies and will purchase additional as needed.

Leatrice Satterwhite reported that the specialists have their flyers for distribution to the schools. Donetta Ryan needs a copy of a publicity blurb for the website. M. Owens has several more copies of the flyer to distribute out. Sarah Thompson offered to get them to the library and to the Centre.

M. Owens is working on the printed material for the folders, and confirmed that CAC information will also be given to attendees. Facebook will also be utilized for publicity more in the days leading up to the event.

III. 5th Annual Parent Resource Fair March 7, 2015

S Thompson and Pamela Sodemann have identified and contacted at least 28 exhibitors that are either new or have not attended in recent years. Of those, only 8 have declined. Invitations have gone out to the other 20, as well as to the regular exhibitors on the list. M. Owens reports that only 4 exhibitors have replied online so far.

S. Thompson mentioned that we need to start thinking of panel discussions. M. Waxler suggested Advanced Therapy again, as she was a popular speaker. M. Owens suggested highlighting Intellectual Disabilities, as this has yet to be a focus topic, and there is a lot of interest in the district. Could we secure the U-46 graduate that speaks nationally? M. Waxler will check to see if she has a contact.

M. Waxler suggested that we reach out to SPED Co-ops in the area to attend the Fair, especially with that focus topic.

V. Other Business

None was raised.

Lisa White moved to adjourn; Mary Gonzalez seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next committee meeting will be held on November 18th, 2014 at 6:30pm in room 358, U-46 Educational Services Center at 355 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, IL.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melissa Owens, CAC Special Education Committee Co-Chairperson.