

CAC Special Education Committee – Meeting Minutes of November 18th, 2014

In attendance:

Melissa Owens, Sarah Thompson, Melissa Waxler, Leatrice Satterwhite, Robert Salis, and Lisa White.

I. Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm. Approval of October 21st minutes was motioned by Robert Salis and seconded by Lisa White. Motion approved.

II. Debrief of Special Education University:

Committee members were given results of SPED-U surveys via attachment before the meeting; copies were available at the meeting for review. Melissa Owens commented that regarding the Transition Planning and Beyond High School sessions, the power point slides seemed very similar. Melissa Waxler confirmed that the presenters planned on the slides being similar, but had said previously that the presentation of them would be different. Surveys indicated that did not come across to the attendees.

Other comments: not enough discussion of the beginning process of transition planning; should have had the paperwork and what the form actually looked like to help parents. Questions regarding students before the transition planning IEP meeting should have been given to parents.

M Owens reported that the surveys were generally positive. Do we continue the discussion at the Resource Fair? M Waxler and Leatrice Satterwhite suggested another spring session, separate from the Resource Fair, possibly starting the transition aged families at Coleman Elementary and ending with a tour of the SWEP facility nearby. Early learning session could be held at either preschool location., possibly in the morning to accommodate parents with kids at school. Committee would like to see this take place as a workshop, building on the discussion. M Waxler will begin investigating openings and scheduling of staff.

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

Sarah Thompson and Pamela Sodemann have finished identifying exhibitors. M Owens reported that invites have gone out to 74 exhibitors. 15+ have responded thus far.

S. Thompson is in contact with a representative from NADS for the feature presentation. M Waxler is not sure if she can get a hold of the student advocate to add to the program. M Owens expressed concern that the feature presentation will not be generalized enough for all attendees. S Thompson will work with the representative to tailor the presentation.

M Owens reported that Infnitec submitted a proposal to present on technology for parents. Committee agreed that this would be a great complimentary program. S Thompson will contact for details.

V. Other Business

None was raised.

Sarah Thompson moved to adjourn; Lisa White seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next committee meeting will be held on December 16th, 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.