

CAC Special Education Committee – Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2018

In attendance:

Committee Members: Sarah Thompson, Leticia Gonzalez, Mary Hogan, Lisa White, and Sarah Siddiqui.

I. Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM. The 9/18/18 meeting minutes were presented for review. Lisa W. made a motion to approve the 9/18/18 minutes; Seconded by Leticia G. Approval of minutes made by voice vote.

II. IV. Public Comment

Sarah T. called for Public Comment. None was raised.

III. New Business

Sarah T. presented information on the upcoming 1/22/19 presentation on “Helping Your Special Needs Child Develop Strong Relationships” given by Advanced Behavioral Solutions, Joey Williams. The presentation will be at Gail Borden Library at 6:30 pm. The draft of the PowerPoint slide presentation was discussed. The following discussion items were raised:

A grammatical use of “negate” vs “negative” was discussed.

A heavy emphasis on sibling relationships was needed.

Sarah T. will contact the presenter and give this feedback.

Sarah S. presented information on the upcoming 2/19/19 presentation on “Building Self Esteem, Self-Awareness, and Self Advocacy in Your Special Needs Child” given by Rebecca Sheade from Elgin Pediatric Therapy. The presentation will be at Poplar Creek Library at 6:30 pm. The presenter has provided a revised outline of the content. The committee reviewed the material and the dialog held with the presenter thus far. The following discussion items were raised:

- Mary H. and Lisa W. discussed the acronym of ADLs.
- The misspelling of “friend” was raised.
- The discussion of the differences in occupational therapy in schools vs. private was needed.
- Sarah S. will contact the presenter and give this feedback.
- Sarah S. will contact Lisa from Poplar Creek Library for the February presentation, as a follow up.

Sarah S. presented the evaluation results from the 10/16/18 presentation by Sherri Schneider on “SSI SSDI, PUNS, DHS and HFS - Understanding the Alphabet Soup.” Overall the reviews were mostly 4s and 5s out of 5, and many parents from many special needs groups attended. The following discussion items were raised:

- Many more paper evaluations were completed verses the online surveys done last year.
- The paper surveys need to be translated. Sarah S. will contact Mary Fergus to request translation.
- The static in the u-46 headsets made the translation of the presentation hard for many to understand.
- Sarah T. made a request to make a “May I help you?” tag in Spanish for Letitia G.
- Special reserved seating for the parents, closer to the translator, was requested by Letitia G.
- Request for the translation department to bring new headsets was discussed.

IV. Other Business

None

Letitia G. moved to adjourn; Lisa W. seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Sarah Siddiqui, CAC Special Education Committee Co-Chairperson.