

Business Meeting

- May 17, 2017 meeting minutes approved by vote
- Treasurer's report
 - Currently about \$1400
 - Request for volunteers with financial knowledge to help with 501C3 status and fundraising
- Updated bylaws passed by unanimous vote
 - Major changes
 - Membership is open
 - Co-chairs for succession planning
 - No membership coordinator
 - Voting quorum changed from 5 to 3
 - Required number of annual meetings changed from 5 to 3
- Request for volunteers for programming committee and fundraising
- Upcoming events/programming
 - School committee meeting: 10/11/17
 - SEPAC social in November (day)
 - 12/11/17: Tracey Stoll, Learning SOLutions, Norwood: "Which Hat Do I Wear"
 - 1/9/18: Joanne Flatley: Basic Rights presentation
 - 2/6/18: Mental Health (Mental health awareness week at the HS)
 - 4/3/18: Charlie Applestein: "No Such Thing as a Bad Kid"
 - 5/7/18: TBD
 - 6/5/18: TBD

Presentation: for longer descriptions see the District Program Guide on the District Website under student services

Abigail Hanscom: Programming notes

- 3156 students in the district
- 180 with 504 plans and 555 with IEPs
- District is currently in growth mode
- Emerging needs: transition ages 18-22
- Specialized Programs
 - Downey: WABA, PEER (Autism), STAR (therapeutic)
 - Sheehan: language based learning disability (dyslexia), Focus (developmental program)
 - All schools: speech, OT, PT, comprehensive mental health services

Aprile Albertelli: Preschool

- 3 integrated classrooms, 15 students per class, 8 peer models, up to 7 with needs
- Wednesdays are for team meetings and evaluations
- Teachers are dual certified in early childhood and special education
- 2 instructional assistants per class
- School psychologist, speech pathologist, OT, nurse, ABA tutor

- Developmental screenings twice a year for 3 & 4 year olds (fall/spring)
- Private preschool outreach
- Rolling enrollment

Glen Atkinson:

Hanlon & Martha Jones

- Resource rooms and learning center
- School psychologist, OT, PT, speech, nurse, individualized services as needed
- In kindergarten, entire population is screened for possible disabilities

Deerfield: FOCUS Program

- Supports students with complex/multiple disabilities with a comprehensive wrap around team
- Offers adaptive physical education
- All supervised by a teacher with severe disability certification
- 10 students

Lisa Freedman:

Downey

- Learning centers, resource room, PT, OT, speech, etc
- STAR: Strategic Therapeutic Academic Response: social emotional and behavioral needs
 - Out of district
 - Students participate in general ed classroom and receive support for social/emotional issues
- PEER: Promoting Education and Effective Relationships: mild autism
 - Focus on building strong peer relationships, negotiating social situations
- WABA: Westwood Applied Behavioral Analysis Program: mild to severe autism
 - Students spend most of the day out of the classroom
 - Services are brought in based on student need
 - Currently serves 9 students
 - Staffed by special ed teacher with a certification in severe disabilities and ABA

Sheehan

- Learning center, resource room,
- Language based disability program: focuses on decoding
 - Serves students who are 2-3 years behind
 - Students generally start in 3rd grade

Thurston Middle School

- Full range of services: PT, OT, psychologist, nurse, etc....
- Learning center, set up by grade level
- Specialized programs
 - Social learning center program
 - Kids coming out of PEER or other programs
 - Social supports, social thinking curriculum
 - Typically students can access general ed curriculum

- Therapeutic Learning Center Program
 - Staffed with special education teacher
 - Students with social emotional and behavioral needs
- Communication Learning Center Program
 - Support around understanding curriculum and language
 - Students may be able to access curriculum but 2-3 years below grade level
 - Small group, separate content area classes
- Developmental Learning Center
 - Comes out of WABA and FOCUS
 - Functional academics, adaptive programming

Robin Fabiano: High School

- Student services: 11 teachers, 8.5 ABA, school psychologists, instructional assistants, full range of other services
- 5 learning centers: provide academic support, organizational support, review and preview, take tests, learn study skills
- Learning centers happen daily
- small group classes: 9th grade reading, 10th grade writing, social skills
- 3 specialized learning centers: communication connection, extended learning center, Westwood ABA, FLEX (therapeutic, serves students with social emotional needs)
- Transition program (18-22) students can stay in district and defer diploma
 - Support students in community college, job placements, internships, specialized instruction

Out of District

- Collaborative, Private Day, Residential
- WPS approximately 20 students in OOD placement