

Special Services Parent Advisory Council (SSPAC)
Meeting Notes from 2/28/18

What is going well?

- Pre-school Inclusion Program-the combination of students with special needs and typical peers
- LTES Title Program- The program is fluid with students in program when needed and exiting when appropriate. There is some overlapping of services for the growing English Language Learners population.
- NTMS- received very positive comments from an outside service provider regarding the model of the special education program, how services are delivered, and how well the program ran.
- DHES- Preschool program wrap-around services with OT and SLP

How can we improve?

- Parent- Support from the schools has been appreciated. Concern for meeting the social/emotional needs of students with special needs. How do we assist students with making connections/relationships with peers. There was discussion regarding taking small steps towards either integrating students into a general education setting or integrating peers into a special education setting. The discussion continued around how the various programs work to support students in building relationships and being part of the school community. For most of our students this requires looking at the individual child (interests, motivators, tolerance) and building individual programs.

Website

- Teacher Titles are needed. Pictures of teachers are optional and individual teachers would need to put them on.
- Are the Social Media Connections at the bottom of the Website being used/useful?
- Outdoors for All will be added to the resources sections
- A summer program for children with special needs was shared. Pat has a copy and will share.

Parent Education Meeting-

- Past topics included internet safety/usage, homework help, etc.
- LTES/DHES counselors will be meeting soon to determine the next parent education meeting/training.
- Discussed a training for local childcare/preschools for readiness skills.

Growth Chart Shared

- Based on assessment for every 5 years a student is in DSD they are demonstrating 5.8 years growth.

Legislation Update

- Currently in session and will need to make decision by 3/8/18

- DSD will see a reduction in funding

Concerns within the Community

- Had a community safety meeting with various speakers that spoke to safety within the community.
- Safe Streets-will be participating in the Learning Extravaganza on 6/13. They will be providing Child Identification Cards for families.

Learning Extravaganza

- Diane or Jody will call and schedule for East Pierce County to attend
- Will be held at LTES on June 13th from 6:00-7:30
- Jody posed the question about the return of Reptile Man and based on the discussion she will try to have Reptile Man return.
- Hot Dogs will be served (not during Reptile Man)
- Book Walk (similar to Cake Walk) will take place
- NTMS will support with a book drive and student volunteers

Next Meeting- April 24th 6:00pm in the LTES Library