

Shelton Public Schools

Committee for Students with Disabilities

January 27, 2016

Attendees: R. Musante, M. Lasky, C. Tedesco, N. Quiles, G. Magel, E. Boulanger, K. Alberici, R. Shilkowski, R. Verdicchio, E. Hannaway, C. D’Orio, J. Simonetti

1. Dr. Clouet Introduction

- Dr. Clouet shared with the committee a bit about his beliefs regarding supporting all students, inclusive practices, and parent/community collaboration and partnerships.
- He encouraged this group to participate in BOE and City Alderman meetings, to encourage other parents to come and participate, to contact their local officials with their thoughts
- Dr. Clouet stated that he is available to meet with parents or groups, and has an open door practice

2. Budget Update

- Dr. Hannaway provided the group with an update on the budget process, including what was part of the Special Education Office’s full requests for consideration, and what is now the status of that “list.”
- The Superintendent has not proposed his budget yet, and has received input from all administrators.
- The group discussed that the BOE has vocally and publicly expressed their support for the Special Education Office and School Staff’s work

3. Requests for volunteers for Community Resources Fair

- The first Community Resources Fair will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at PHS.
- Dr. Hannaway requested that any parent on the committee who would like to volunteer to help out during the event, or represent the committee at a table during the event, to contact her.
- As of right now there are 11 confirmed agencies/participants, and hoping that this number will grow to 15

4. Upcoming speakers

- February 23<sup>rd</sup>, evening : Finding Balance While Raising a Child with Needs – presented by the Autism Spectrum Resource Center. Formal Invitation to be sent out publicly on the week of 2/1
- March 9<sup>th</sup>, evening: School Avoidance, Attendance, and Truancy – presented by the Valley Youth Service Bureau.
- This spring: Another Refresher of the IEP and PPT Process for Parents of Students with Disabilities

5. Spring parent survey
  - October 2015 Survey to be sent out again this spring
  - Committee provided suggestions for new questions to be added to the survey, specifically around progress and participation in this committee
  
6. Creating a pamphlet or document for this committee to distribute
  - Group felt it was a good idea to create a pamphlet with information about this committee to have in the schools' main office, PPT rooms, and for distribution
  - Dr. Hannaway will organize a few meetings to work on this project, any and all are welcome