Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from 29th June 2015.

KM reported;

I. A. The Interviews for new hires have been completed. There were 7 candidates for 5 positions. They include 2 hires at Heritage (1 retired, and Hannah Alridge is moving to North Carolina) 1 hire in life skills programme at MS. KM had a great interview for a Teacher Consultant at the HS. Young Adult hybrid position (6 to 21 age group) running a more restricted programme. The goal is to focus on Social, emotional wellbeing of the students.

6 of the 7 Candidates are MSU Graduates.

Para educator position filled at HS and 2 in the Young Adult Programme. At Pleasant Ridge more intensive assistance was required because of the current crop of Students there.

Backfilling has been required in the Young Adult Programme. With the Para Educator Support it is at this time of the year that they look for new jobs so it has been necessary to backfill if they leave.

The position for an Assistant principal at Heritage whose role would include Special Education has been posted.

B. Tech Trek raised $5200 ($7800 last year) KM will meet to allocate funds shortly. He will be purchasing 2 Smart boards, replace broken IPads, Chrome books etc.. This year we lost the Walmart Sponsorship of $1000. The individual responsible at Walmart has been promoted away from Saline.

KM is looking at dates for next year. Should it be a Saturday or Sunday. Keep the day away from Memorial day and Graduation weekend. But it needs to be spaced away from the Golf Day.

C. Golf Outing. Will take place on August 21st. Rain date is August 28th. KM is likely to choose a different caterer for the Food. Several options were discussed by the Committee including, Chipolte, Panera. KM budgets for around $7 a person.

Items needed for the Golf Auction eg, Gift Baskets would be appreciated.

D. Special Education Survey Results were discussed in brief. It was agreed that it would be put on the next agenda to give the committee members an opportunity to go away and read the results thoroughly.

E. ADHD/Mental Health Subcommittees .. KM had met with a parent of a girl with ADHD. She felt strongly that there should be more training for ADHD.

KM wondered about creating Sub-committees to educate/ provide training for parents and Staff. Topics would be ADHD/Depression/Anxiety.. Mental health Training is underway with Steve Laatsch . The question for SEAC was, should Sub-committees be set up? The conclusion was that SEAC would be happy to help with training parents but that the specifics would be dealt with directly by KM. Mention was made of a ADHD support group in Ann Arbor. The contact person should be ascertained.

F. Open House

Should be tried out in K to 3. Concentrate on the 3 Elementary schools. There will be a meeting relating to the Open house on August 31st from 6 to 7.30pm. EK volunteered to run Harvest Open Night and JP volunteered for Pleasant Ridge. Brochures and T-Shirts/Banners to be organised.

II. Goals for Next Year for SEAC.

. Focus on what the goals are and how we achieve them.
. Transitioning Parents from each School building.
. Website
. Parents who Care.- Should we try to get it up and running again?