

Para Committee Meeting 11/17/09

Present: Emily Bare-JCNEMS, Joanie Drimmel- ACCS-Int., Marlene Jolly-Jeff West ES, Linda Aldridge, Rhonda Denning, and Robin Courtney.

Absent: Perri Levin-OES, Kim Banks-JCNEMS, Dana Holtmeyer-McLouth

Linda discussed communication responsibilities with the members.

She asks for mutual respect and trust with accurate relay of information discussed at the meetings.

Committee Representation was discussed.

1. We have not been able to successfully recruit anyone from Valley Falls and Perry/Lecompton
2. Sherry Bingham from JWHS may attend the meetings if she wishes.

Linda informed the board that it will cost the service center a maximum of \$1,500.00 to pay the committee participants for a year of scheduled meetings.

Linda went over the current Keystone financial projections and state budget information.

1. The schools are facing the worst budget cuts since the depression.
2. Keystone is trying to under spend the budget this year in order to carry over as much money as possible to next year. It will help with next year's budget since we will probably have to cut more money from the budget next year.
3. The para substitute budget is being spent at a faster rate than expected.
4. Linda discussed State Catastrophic Aide information and the bill that is going before the Legislature.

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In January the Superintendents and Board will begin to analyze all levels of special education to try to find ways to save money.

1. When analyzing the levels, they will consider how the changes would affect kids, state and federal mandates, and revenue generation.
2. At this time each FTE student costs the state, on average, \$29,700 a year.

Discussion about the Infinitec web site

1. Any person that is still having difficulty finishing their required confidentiality and blood borne pathogens inservice should contact their administrator.
2. Notations may be made in the paras' evaluations if they haven't been completed by now.
3. People that still owe inservice from Infinitec have been sent instructions of how to

access the site.

Instructions to access classes:

Go to: <http://www.keystonelearning.org/ParaPage.html>

Click on MyInfinitec logo.

In the upper, right-hand corner, click on "Register."

Enter your date of birth and click "Submit."

Fill out all the fields marked with an asterisk.*

Your Keystone assigned para email address must be entered.

Create a sign-in name and a password. Click Submit.

(Infinitec will send you a confirmation email containing the login info.)

Click on "Sign In" link in the upper right-hand corner of the webpage, enter your login info.

Go to the Video Classroom drop down menu to view the classes.

Follow the website links to: "Watch the Video", "Take the Test", and "View Online Results."

Infinitec will email you the Results.

Forward the email or Print the Online Results page and send to Robin.

A letter going out to paras concerning inservice was distributed to the committee members for review.

1. Changes to the letter were discussed.
2. Discussion took place about Infinitec hours limit.
3. Inservice that can be earned through media center materials was discussed. Any person can access the media center catalog on the Keystone web site. Go to www.keystonelearning.org then the PROGRAMS tab and then the Media Center-Search Catalog button. Search by subject or topic.

Committee members presented questions and concerns.

1. What about sick leave at retirement? Answer: Any person that has built up sick leave will forfeit the days upon resignation/retirement. There is not a sick bank for paras.
2. Can accrued inservice points be added to the paycheck statement? Answer: It would be very difficult to add it to the checks since there is a different person keeping the inservice database than the payroll clerk. Inservice transcripts are sent out twice a year and anyone can call or email Robin Courtney at any time with questions or to request a transcript.
3. Rhonda asked the committee members to poll their districts about what type or topic of inservice they would like to have if an inservice day was offered later this year. A committee member requested inservice about Down's Syndrome. Rhonda will look at providing an inservice on Down's Syndrome and will consider other ideas also.

Next meeting is January 6, 2010.