

Para Committee Meeting 5/12/10

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

Absent: Dana Holtmeyer-McLouth and Tammy VanDyne-McLouth

Linda explained decisions the Board has made concerning administration changes.

- ◆ Tim Marshall will be Executive Director Interim beginning September 1, 2010 (required to take 60 days off per KPERS rules)
- ◆ Rhonda Denning will be Special Ed. Director and acting Executive Director in July and August.
- ◆ Jeanette Southers' position of Assistant Special Ed. director will be refilled.

Linda explained recommendations she is making to the board concerning office personnel cuts.

- ◆ No route driver position.
- ◆ Media Coordinator position assumes route driver duties and becomes a 10 month position.

Linda is recommending to the Board that the para line item budget will equal this year's spending. She is recommending no pay cuts or pay raises.

Ideas for beginning of school year para inservice were discussed. Subjects being considered are:

- Responsibilities for paras and how to use strategies in core curriculum learning
- Progress Monitoring
- Sensory Integration
- Useful Websites and how to integrate them into student needs
- Universal Applications of strategies through Cappers
- Down's Syndrome Education-Darcie Wooge on Guild Board
- Infinitec (Bloodborne and Confidentiality will be able to be taken again)

Communications from Districts

Paras do not like to wait for their contracts and would like them sent out earlier. They think it is inappropriate to have insurance enrollment before the contracts are issued. Answer: Linda hopes that the contracts will not come out as late as last year and that paras will receive them before enrollment.

Does the enrollment count as inservice? Answer: No.

Insurance enrollment appointments are full. Answer: Lisa says there are slots available still in the afternoon. The slots were filled first-come, first-serve so a desired slot may not be available and staff will have to choose a slot that is still available.

There was discussion about unemployment. Answer: Most people working in the education field are not eligible for unemployment through the summer because they are reasonably assured to have a position when the new year begins.

The paras would like to know the dates of the beginning of the year inservice as soon as possible. Answer: Linda stated she believes it will be a half day session like last year and is working to try to set the dates.

Paras asked about attending district inservices. Answer: Keystone administration would like for the paras to get prior approval from them and the district administration before attending any district inservices. The inservice WILL NOT be paid but can be used for para inservice hours.

The committee ended the meeting by deciding they would like to continue to have the meetings next year and telling a positive outcome with a student from the year.