

**ANW Education Cooperative**  
**Advisory committee**  
February 10, 2010

Those in attendance:

Harry Heppler	Jennifer Stoneking
Tami Hennigh	Lydia Baker
Judy Johnson	Adrienne Borjas
Roxanne Gregg	Ron Childress
Ron Harley	Carolyn Twente
Heather Grady	Glenda Pargman
Jennifer Richard	
David Petersen	
Korenne Grybowski (Admin practicum)	

Chairperson: Roxanne Gregg

- Discussion re: Foster student's IEP entry for a student placed with ANW on a current IEP. The problem arises when the student moves from school to school. In the past the ANW teacher would only put in the basic information. All the information should be entered since many of those students also move from school to school within our coop.
- Discussion re: Staff recognition Carolyn suggested recognition of any and all deserving staff. The recognition in the form of a praise card etc. could be written and sent out from administrators. We will need the help of all ANW staff to communicate the positive recognitions for distribution. This could be any ANW staff or regular education staff also. Shirts for years of service will be continued along with apple and plaque awards. Prior to the award being purchased it was suggested we ask the staff member if they wanted an apple or plaque or an equal dollar amount be donated to the charity of the staff member's choice.
- Discussion re: Preservice Topics and Information Cindy has received several break out topics for both paras and licensed staff. Currently we are looking at August 10 – 11 for preservice days but only 1 day will be for para attendance. We will be receiving a quote from Susan Fitzell for a ½ day on Co- Teaching (licensed staff) & ½ day specific to paras. The groups would rotate through other breakouts when not attending Susan's presentation. Para inservice for the spring will be the weeks of April 5-9 & April 12-16. Two afternoons each week for elementary levels and secondary levels. All of these inservice hours will

be counted for the 2009/2010 school year. More information will be sent out when the details have been finalized.

- Administrative Report: Current legislative committee discussion topics are;
  1. House Bill 2587 would limit categorical aid at 92% of excess cost for any district or Coop. This bill would have a significant negative impact on the money we receive for our students while boosting the moneys that wealthy districts receive.
  2. Senate Bills 358 & 359 would raise the amount necessary to apply for catastrophic aid. In addition 359 would cap the total amount of special education money that could be used for catastrophic aid. Both bills would limit the ability of Johnson County Schools to draw significant and disproportional monies for catastrophic aid based primarily on the fact that they pay more in salaries, and would benefit smaller coops and districts. We potentially could gain more than \$150,000 in what was proposed for this year.
  3. Senate Bill 512 would require the legislature to maintain the "Medicaid Replacement Funds" for special education. If not acted upon we could lose more than \$160,000 in state aid.
  
- Our staff will be working on putting together a staff handbook that will provide employees with a quick reference guide on things such as; internet policies, leave requests, non-discrimination policies, due dates, contract references etc. Any ideas for items to be included should be given to Bob or Cindy.
  
- ANW has been notified that our contract with the KU Occupational Therapy Program will not be extended for next year. We will begin the process of attempting to find someone to fill that vacancy. We do have an interview with a possible candidate on Friday.
  
- ANW-EA report: Susan Harris will be participating in the KNEA Leadership Academy this year.
- Snowman Basket winner announcement: Sandy Mintz secretary at Humboldt HS.

One hundred dollars was raised for the ANW scholarship fund. ANW-EA will have at least one more raffle prior to the end of school, it will be discussed at the next board mtg. Wed. afternoon.

Adjourn Next Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> Chairperson Cindy Folk  
Treat Coordinators David Petersen & Jennifer Stoneking