



ANW Education Cooperative

Staff Advisory Meeting October 19, 2011

Attending

Tonya Barnes

Glenda Pargman

Bob Coleman

Ron Childress

Jennifer Stoneking

Harry Heppler

Jay Parker

Tami Hennigh

Lydia Baker

Adrienne Borjas

Roxanne Gregg

Heather Grady

Ron Harley

Chair Person; Jennifer Stoneking

EA Report: we have nominations for district and building reps. I will be putting together ballots, via survey monkey this weekend. Suzy Decoster has completed her first Leadership Academy session. Bargaining Conference will be November 5th in Topeka at KNEA headquarters. Also we are preparing for National Education Week.

Discussion: Administrative Report Bob Coleman summarized the USA Board meeting he attended on Tues. 10/18 in Topeka. Legislature and Education dollar and cents issues were the main topic. Governor Brownback supports more financial responsibility coming from the local level.

- Explained the recent change with Medicaid billing for both Fee For Service and Administrative Claiming which will be coordinated through Greenbush ESC.
- A representative from our Workers Compensation provider did observations in three of our classrooms, BAIT, Chanute Elementary E.D. classroom and a classroom at the Pre-school in Chanute. He has now provided us with recommendations that will hopefully reduce injuries to employees. The recommendations included greater use of gait belts to lift and move students, positioning and proximity of staff in relation to students to avoid injuries. And suggested additional training in MANDT for employees that can be involved in restraints on students. ANW is working to implement these suggestions.
- The ANW Transportation office has now complete the move to Humboldt HS in room 205 which is on the second floor. The phone numbers remain the same.
- Bob and Ron Harley participated in Walk Through training with the USD#413 staff on Monday October 10th. This was held as a part of administrative training planned by the Kansas Learning Network to improve administrators' ability to recognize effective classroom strategies and find ways to improve student progress.
- Bob has been in contact with Colleen Riley of KSDE to voice his concerns about the current interpretation of the Reimbursement Guide and asked that changes be made in the language to assure that we will be able to maintain categorical aid for our Nurses and Social Workers.
- Three of our administrators will be attending the KSDE Law Conference the first week in November. Nationally recognized attorneys that argue special education and

section 504 cases in the courts, review court decisions and hearing decisions that determine our obligations to provide services for students. Monies from the TIP grant were set aside by the state to pay for the conference. Some specific court cases were discussed by Bob.

- The annual "Halloween Extravaganza" is scheduled for Monday October 31st. Our office staff will be in costume to greet and entertain pre-school students from all of our programs.
- Administrators are gathering information on CSCL (student class size case-load) in order to make determinations of the need for changes in staff assignments and/or the need for additional staff to meet the IEP requirements for students. Preliminary numbers will be provided after our December 1st count.
- Compliance will occur 2012/2013 school year. IEPs will be pulled randomly beginning in August through November and reviewed. Bob explained the process. ANW will be reviewing IEPs it's self this school year in an effort to make sure they are compliant. Administrators will be presenting on this topic at categorical meeting this year.
- Transition IEPs - defined as transitioning from one program to another or one building to another. All receiving and sending teachers must work together and communicate so services are in place for the full year (length of the IEP) to keep the IEP and services current for both buildings/programs and services the student will be receiving during the entire current IEP.
- Lapse of IEP there is no reason for this to happen. If staff are having a problem getting records contact administration who can then help you obtain those records. Keep a record of your phone requests for records for future use if needed.
- Addendum IEPs Bob is encouraging all staff to use caution with using an addendum and encouraged all staff making changes in student services to make certain all parties involved with a student be notified of the proposed change. Since changes of service involves not only the primary SPED teacher it also can affect other related service providers and regular education counterparts.

ANW Advisory Committee Thank Yous

1. Lloyd Houk Bus Driver and Mentor
2. Laura Busby Splg. Para CES
3. Judy Johnson ANW Nurse
4. Chanute Building Trades programs
5. Building Principal and Staff at Yates Center Elem & Middle Schools

Discussion: Transfer of student rights WebKIDSS drop down which must be completed will occur on the IEP in which the student turns 17. **This is in the state guidelines.** The transfer of rights age is 18 but staff should inform parents at the IEP meeting prior to the student turning 18 so parents can make informed decisions. Once the student turns 18 those rights are transferred. If you have questions please contact your administrator.

Discussion: Number of weeks listed on the IEP for services this should be the number of weeks in your district's school calendar. Related service personnel should be cautious and make certain these total times listed are correct. Example; If a student is served only once per week on Fridays staff should make sure to check the district calendar for the proper

times the student will be served for the year. If some Fridays are not district attendance days they should not be counted as possible service days. If you have further questions please contact Bob.

Discussion: Foster Care Database please call Lydia or Adrienne for help with information on students within foster care. The system is not perfect and may not have everything you need. But Lydia and Adrienne can help you receive what is available.

Discussion: Tonya Barnes Yates Center Elementary/Middle School made Building Wide Standard of Excellence in both reading and math last year. They are also receiving the Challenge Awards for 5th grade reading and math, and 6th grade math. These are presented by the Confidence in Education Task Force, and several staff members will be traveling to Junction City after school on November 9th to accept the awards. Mr. Bettega has invited me to participate in this trip and I am very appreciative of being included.

Next meeting: November 16th Chair: Tonya Barnes Treat Coordinator: Judy Johnson