

Billerica Parent Advisory Council for Special Education
Meeting with Special Education Director
Minutes

March 26, 2008 at 3:30

Location: Special Education Conference Room

Present: Dr. Steven German Special Education Director, Susan Hopkins (BPAC Chair), Priscilla Aufiero (BPAC Secretary), Michele DeParasis (BPAC Treasurer), Gina Maniscalco (Public Relations), Carol Rose (Webmaster)

- Dr. Shore Presentation

Dr. German reported that he has prepared copies of Certificate of Attendance for the teachers and paraprofessionals attending the presentation.

Dr. German has made arrangements to meet with Dr. Shore prior to the presentation regarding the format of the presentation.

- Extended School Year

Transportation is now being worked out for the Summer Extended Year Program.

Michele DeParasis and Dr. German will be meeting with the Billerica Recreation Director to discuss the possibility of incorporation non-typical children in with the Super Stars Summer Camp.

- Social Skills Program

Sue Hopkins reported that a Social Skills program for children ages five to seven will begin on March 31st. The program will be offered at the Bennett Library from 4PM to 5 PM on Monday and Thursdays. The program cost is \$324 and will run for eight weeks.

- Matthew MacAvoy

Matthew MacAvoy, a Lawyer and Parents Rights Advisor, will be speaking on Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00 PM in the BMHS Lecture Hall. He will send Dr. German his biographical summary for advertising.

- Rob Kanzer Life Coach

Rob Kanzer has expressed an interest to do a presentation on "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen". In order to attract a bigger audience, it was decided to put off his presentation until September.

- Brain Gym

Kinesiology education program– started out for children with learning challenges. Cindy Walsh, OT, would be will to do a class as part of the Summer Program.

- Other

Sue Hopkins announced that April is Autism Awareness month. She also mentioned that Alan Kessler mentioned that he would be interested in starting a Summer Camp for Autistic children.

Meeting Adjourned.