ATTENDANCE

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: none

FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.
The minutes from January meeting was approved.

Public comment guidelines were read.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments.

STAFF REPORTS

- Victor Goldsby is heading the Vision Resource Center at Hidenwood Elementary school. It offers visual technology and services for visually impaired student.
- Thirty-six speech pathologists participated in staff development were eighteen earned a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech – Language Pathology. To earn a CCC, a person must a have a graduate degree, 400 hours of supervised clinical experience, complete a 36-week postgraduate clinical fellowship, and pass the Praxis Series Exam. Outstanding achievement!
- Two NNPS employees participate in training for Deaf-Blindness sponsored by VCU and Virginia Department of Education.
- Transition conference held at each high school.
- Partnership Work Experience Program with local businesses is very successful in employing former NNPS students.

UNSUNG HERO AWARD

Awarded Quarterly
PROGRAM

“NNPS Special Education 2009-2010 Annual Plan”

- Michele Mitchell, Director of Special Education

OLD BUSINESS

Missing Members.

NEW BUSINESS

- There were no phone or email updates.
- Member requested the NNPS special education website to be updated to display current Annual Plan.
- Two members were removed from committee due absenteeism, and one community representative resigned from committee.
- Mary Beth Hansel and Maqbool Sheikh will head up membership committee.
- Deadline for application for Partners in Policymaking is April 30 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment.

SEAC COMMENT PERIOD

- Suggestion was given to recruit new SEAC members via website, PERC, and teacher recommendation.
- Information on an Autism Lawsuit was read by Nosuk Kim.
- Members of the committee are interested in scheduling a workshop over the summer to learn more about Medicaid Waivers – Joan Brunner will coordinate.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.
ATTENDANCE


FROM THE CHAIR

• The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
• The minutes from November meeting was approved.
• Public comment guidelines were read.
• Committee introductions were done.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

• Joan Brunner, Colonial Advocacy, commented on an editorial in the Daily Press on January 26, 2009 concerning funding for special education.
• A parent commented on funding forecast and special education, and budget cuts affecting the purchase of needed equipment for students at the Center for Autism.

STAFF REPORTS

• Special and general education teachers attended staff development training together to support each other and our students.
• Special education supervisor Marian Harper attended staff development training for ‘Special Education in the 21st Century’
• Several NNPS Special education teachers attended VAAP training in Richmond.
• Special education supervisor Glen Whitlock and Victor Martinez participated in collaboration with the pediatric staff at Fort Eustis.

UNSUNG HERO AWARD

• Maria Enriquez was awarded the ‘Unsung Hero Award’ for her outstanding support as a Spanish interpreter for parents and students who do not speak English.
PROGRAM

- “Understanding Alternative Assessment: VAP-VGLA”
  - Marlene Montandon, Supervisor, Special Education and Michele Jones, Transition specialist

OLD BUSINESS

- CPI committee will be dropped and the Activities Committee will be added.
- The Activities committee will discuss changing meeting places to better serve parents, getting various organizations to get involved to increasing awareness and parent participation in the SEAC.

NEW BUSINESS

- There were no phone or email updates.
- Kim Nusuk, Legislative committee chair, provided information on the Virginia Statue concerning special education and Due Process.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment.

SEAC COMMENT PERIOD

- There was a discussion around state budget cuts and the affects on NNPS and various community organizations.
- Joan Brunner, Chair, commented on attending a conference on 21st Century Learning and Leading with Dr. Kilgore, Michele Mitchell, and Dr. Collins.
- Chenelle Harris commented on Huntington Middle School and their outstanding ‘Inclusion’ program.
- Beverly Smith, CSB, passed out handout for “Parent Education Series” public forum on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.