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Special Services Office

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Extended Campus
211 Third Street Suite A
Minutes from the September 18, 2014**

Gymnastics Request

Andrea Stow, the new gymnastics coach, has asked what the interest would be for a special needs Gymnastics class. Possible evenings would be Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. Times would be 6:30 to 7:15, and would cover basics, with equipment being used as needed, and include parent or PCA participation. Interest was positive, with the only concerns being that the class times and other activities falling on the same nights may impact participation.

Meeting schedule

The meeting dates were discussed and the October meeting will be moved to the 23rd due to Education Minnesota Conference. November's meeting will also move, and be held with the County-wide SEAC meeting at Dakota County Technical College, in the Dakota Room on first floor, Thursday, November 13, 2014 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Meetings for the year are:

December 18, 2014

January 15, 2015

February 19, 2015

March 19, 2015

April 16, 2015

May 21, 2015

Set up committees for 2014-15

Discussion around possible committees echoed our May meeting, with the consensus being that work on the website would best facilitate communicating to parents when we would have speakers at our meetings, and also as a resource to further our outreach goals. As discussion on the committees continued, it was suggested that fragmenting the membership we have into committees may not best serve these goals at this time. Also, the idea of us starting with a Facebook page, and utilizing it to share information and raise awareness of the SEAC was discussed. Discussion was favorable, with the consensus that we not have a page that allows members to comment publicly, but would allow them to see updates, and share them with their Facebook friends.

Review websites and ideas for Farmington Special Education & SEAC website

At the October meeting we will be asking for some social-media savvy persons to share some responsibility for keeping content on a Facebook page, and reporting back on the usage and impact as we further discussions on the website work. The goal is to start the Facebook page after our October meeting.

Other Agenda Items

We discussed supporting the PACER 'Unity Day' shirts, and most in attendance plan to purchase shirts. Unity Day is October 22nd, with our next meeting being on the 23rd! They are Tiger Orange, too!

Goals from this meeting

Have a speaker within the next 18 months, and facilitate an intake/outreach for new parents entering the district.

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 23, 2014