

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING 10/11/11

Chairpersons: Donna Marie Elliott & Keith Rooney

MEETING BEGAN PROMPTLY AT 7:30PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS SIGNING ATTENDANCE SHEET:

Paige Caliguiri, Randi Medeiros, Frank Caliguiri, Stephen Moran, Michelle Cangelosi, Marie Tortorici, Dianne Schuster, Robin Ruiz, Mary Reynolds, Craig Evans, Peg Nugent, Yvonne Henn, Nancy Lanni, Rachel Burkel, Laura Valente, Ed Johntry, M Dolinsky

Guest Speaker: Ms. Faith Latella, Special Olympics Program Specialist

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- Flyers were given out to all attendees for Community Center Theatre program "center stage" for our special needs children held on Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
- Information was distributed to all regarding the "NY Cheer" cheerleading program for our special needs population.
- Reminders were given out regarding the SEPFC Custom Car Show held on Sunday, 10/16/11.
- Introduction was made for our guest speaker, Faith Latella from Special Olympics, Deer Park location.
- Ms. Latella's presentation began at 7:45pm with many suggestions on how Deer Park can implement a Special Olympics event in the 2011/2012 school year. Two programs were discussed. Community based program and a school based program. These programs will be researched additionally to maximize the greatest successful impact for our special needs children.
- An additional meeting will be held at the Special Olympics location in Deer Park New York for Mr. Caliguiri, Mary Reynolds, Donna Elliott, Keith Rooney, Dom Fontana and the Special Olympics staff to discuss the logistics of our plan. Once researched further, information will be brought back to our committee for discussion.
- Our life skills apartment at Washington School has been utilized with much success.
- K-2 reposting social skills after school program.
- JFK/Frost/DPHS social skills will commence within a couple of weeks.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.