

Meeting minutes for Mike Ponti meeting 3/17/2011

Attendees: Susan Hopkins Chairperson, Michele DeParasis Treasurer, Joanne Barry School Committee Liason, Mike Ponti Special education director.

To start the meeting we talked about having a transition to life after highschool presentation for special needs students from the ages 14 to 22. Vocational,prevocational,college , etc...

We plan to have it in September of 2011....the presenters are Heather Geary and Mike Ponti. They also intend to bring in outside sources to help with the presentation. Making sure we get on this in a timely manner so all involved are prepared.

They have 2 job coaches. MEC has Job Club. Mr. Ponti talked to Mr. Soreghan about Ross Greene. Mr. Ponti went to a presentation by Mr. Greene and was very impressed with what he heard and is looking to implement his strategies....he would like to replace Mr. Shekman who brought brain gym to the highschool and had a second phase to the program but Mr Ponti felt it was to hands on..actual physical touch so they did not renew his contract.

There is no AARA money to fall back on but Mr. Ponti was informed that the circuit breaker will be going from 40% to 60%. We will get this year's money next year and last year's money next year will cover deficits. Need 2 Special Ed teachers for highschool, but asked for 1 because of financial.

Programs description will be rolling out shortly. Mr. Ponti took our advice and looked again at entrance and exit criteria. Told staff to look at minimum entry minimum exit.

Next meeting May 12, 2011