

Parent Mentor Council Meeting  
October 7<sup>th</sup> 2011  
10:25 a.m.  
Minutes

The Parent Mentor Council Meeting was held today with Teresa Karsnak acting as the new Chair: Due to Cathy Douglas resigning.

In Attendance :

NE Teresa Karsnak and Lisa Lutz  
NW Niki Herold, Wendy Smenner  
EC Kathy Pavlik, Cheri McCullough  
SE Todd Tinker, Pam Thornburg, Allison Hively  
C Lauri Kaplan, Elaine Hamilton, Jaqueline Howley  
ME Jeanne Schmidlin, Melissa Jarvis, Leslie White  
SW Julie Dunford, Susan De Brosse, Nancy Holt  
NC Sarah Baldwin, Vicki Deel-Lezon, Canda Papa  
ME, Leslie White  
NE, Lisa Lutz

OECCarolynn Head  
OCECD Lee Ann Derugen

Minutes from 6/8/11 were read, Laurie moved to accept and Jeanne seconded.  
Passed

Carolynn Head reported on the Parent Mentor Brochure, new layout, new color scheme, and an added website for Parent access. The brochure should be ready to distribute at the Fall Conference. OEC is now on Face book. Carolynn will submit different family interest 2 xs per month. Carolynn spoke of onsite visits that will be coming up. The list will be available for parents to view.

We need to make sure the Districts make sure parents feel comfortable at the site reviews. 50 districts will be reviewed this year. Please remind Parent Mentor to attend...  
The Executive Directors position will be posted to fill Kathy Shelby's position.

Carolynn and Lee Ann will be attending several Regional Meetings this year.

Lee Ann reported that Colleen's position has been cut in July. Lee Ann will help Jane with coordinating trainings.

Some districts did not send in their minutes to Lee Ann, please remind them.  
The dates of Regional Meetings as well.

We welcomed new Council Members:

Up and Coming Trainings that were mentioned were Rick Lavoie in Mansfield. Also he will be speaking at the Partnering for Progress on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Registration has begun. See info on line.

Some PDPs have not been sent in, please remind Parent Mentors. Also remind them that a District Rep must attend state Conferences per Grant. If not send someone in their place from the Special Education Department.

We will need to vote on a CO Chair, this is a 2 year term. Jacqueline Howley volunteered. Council voted. Passed.

**NE:** Marcie Beers spoke about the Preschool Parent Mentor Position she has been hired to.

**NW:** Post Second Transition Expo in bowling green Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

Rick Lavore was in Toledo

**EC:** Discussed State Support Team Region 12

Oct 22 Parent Conference 9 to 5

Marcie also spoke about Preschool and left great literature to give to families.

Kathy thanked everyone for the prayers and cards that were given to her family in regards to her brothers passing.

**SE:** Regional Meeting was in Athens. Rick Lavore spoke both a.m. and p.m.

Great turn out. State support esc will be at the Rio Grand Transition Fair. Kin Dennison did the It's my turn Training.

Regional Meeting on Oct 13, Tod Tinker will Host. In Chillicothe

Marcie Beers will present the training.

**ME:** Leslie White from Stowe Welcome

Round Table Catch up, Talked about referral programs. Handed out information on Service Dog/ Companions. Jeanne's, Daughter, Emily was a guest; she attends Kent State and has a service companion (Canine).

**SE:** Susan DeBrosse. PDP clarifications. Data Collections, December Count. Who and What?

Nancy Jones gave information for them on up coming Webinar trainings.

**NC:** Sarah has stepped down. Vicki is now Co Chair. Regional Meeting was Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 2011. Lee Ann now comes to the Regional meetings. In January there will be training on Sexuality and Children with Disabilities. Transition Fair was a great success.

Carol Kranowitz will be at the Loraine Community College in March. She is the Author of The Out of Sync Child. Wrights Law will be coming in June.

**Archive:**

Please send any Pictures you have into Kathy so she can display them at Conference.

**Mentor Support:** Met and discussed folder for new Mentors, any thoughts on how this would benefit new members please let Sue or Sally know. New Members are always in need of positive support.

**Public Relations:**

No one attended

**Skills and Knowledge:** Minutes read. Fall Conference in place. Break out in regions to share survey information. Continued planning for Spring Conference.

Spring Conference will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites in Dublin.

Review PM Project Evaluation. Counting, contacts/ See info coming in email as revision.

**New Business:**

Pam Thornburg will be holding a T.A.P.S training in Fayette Co. Oct 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

NE: will hold a College Fair on Oct 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting will be by Phone Conference on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Each Region should look at the 5 Year Plan of Action to talk about concerns and changes Regions could discuss at Conference. Lee Ann will check to see if there is a dead line date, we will try to have it done by spring and reviewed in the fall.

Email your Regional Meetings to Lee Ann and Carolynn.

Motion to adjourn: Kathy Pavlik and Seconded: Jacqueline Howley.