

Rochester School for the Deaf
Parent-Staff Association (PSA) Meetings
September 13, 2011

6:10 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center

In attendance: Benjamin Leyer, Karen Mayes, Kim Rowles, Tim Conley, Peter Artinian, Denise Stappenbeck, Guillaume Chastel, and 2 interpreters.

Old Business: None

New Business:

PSA meetings won't be held in LRC... will be held in a Westervelt Hall classroom, 1st floor, due to the Signs for All program which has already reserved LRC for 2011-2012 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Therefore next PSA meeting will be held in Westervelt Hall classroom #134 unless noted otherwise.

Need to talk with Jr.NAD about having one representative attending the PSA meetings. Agreed and will ask Peter A. to speak with Jr.NAD.

Parent Night (Sept. 22nd, Thurs), PSA will be responsible for snacks; will distribute the schedule to parents, and be more involved in approaching parents and introducing them to PSA.

Holiday Dinner Party---Agreed to go with Outback; the tentative schedule will look like: 1st dinner in the cafeteria; 2nd—play in auditorium (hosted by ASL Drama Club): then, the annual book fair in LRC.

Oct. 3rd, school photos. The information will be sent out.

Bullying workshop to be lead by Mary Cook who has attended several meetings related to bullying, offered by NYS of Family & Children Services. Need to come up with a date.

ASL teacher position... RSD is looking for one, even though it's not posted.

Grapen has been disbanded, so Benjamin proposed that RSD take over the Grapen's activities.

Need to develop better communication with ECC, especially when it comes to familiarizing parents with the IEP (Individual Education Plan) process. Noted that school districts sometimes took advantage of families in IEP conferences due to confusion about parents' rights and children's rights.

Discussed whether PSA should join the national PTA membership, Agreeing that Tim Conley, Benjamin, and Peter would look into it and discuss it at the upcoming meeting, Oct. 4' 2011.

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
Submitted,
Karen Mayes