



New Hope-Solebury School District **Special Education Committee Minutes**

April 19, 2017—6:00PM
Upper Elementary School Library

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Attendance

- **School Board** – Jennifer Gormley
- **Administration** – Alyssa Marton, Dr. Yanni
- **Committee Members** – Jennifer Block, Mike Finley, Nancy Lawson, Patricia Reidy
- **Public** – Alina Christy, Bethanne Joyner, Alyssa Klein, Gahee Moore, Rene Padilla, Amy Perry, Pam Thompson

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Gormley at 6:00PM.

Old Business

- The minutes from the March 16, 2017 meeting were approved.
- Update on Awareness Day – Mrs. Gormley presented the following idea:
 - Each month have a different disability celebration, which would be more personalized and meaningful; committee was in agreement.
 - Mrs. Gormley asked to receive emails indicating areas of interest to be able to put the groups together.
 - Mrs. Gormley also put together packet for Autism Speaks for next year.
 - A community read was suggested with a book that has a special needs component in it.

New Business

- Components of an IEP – Mrs. Marton presented a handout and then answered questions on the IEP process. A lengthy discussion ensued relative to IEPs and accommodations. Mrs. Marton asked those present if they had specific needs about their child to reach out to their IEP case manager.
- A year in review –
 - Mrs. Marton stated that one of the most positive things which occurred this year was opening up the lines of communication.
 - An area that we are working on is scope and sequence of instruction; there is really great instruction at every single level but haven't been able to make it flow all the way through; we have surveyed all special education teachers to find out what they are doing, what supplemental curriculum they are using and how they are teaching it, and we are cross-pollinating it K-12.
 - Mrs. Marton stated we did a great job on opening day with a staff activity of IEP scavenger hunt; gave them a poorly written IEP and find 10 things wrong with it.
 - Mrs. Marton initiated monthly department meetings to meet with all the special education teachers—elementary and secondary.

Public Comment

- Parent asked about co-teaching and Mrs. Marton indicated it would be remaining.
- Parent asked whether co-teaching is available at different grade levels.
- Parent expressed to Mrs. Marton satisfaction with progress in program this year.

Mrs. Gormley stated at the next meeting Google Classroom will be discussed; she will also reach out to the Parks & Rec Board regarding programs.

Adjournment

Mrs. Gormley adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Marton, M.Ed., BCBA
Director of Special Education