SEPAC MEETING AGENDA
November 14, 2024
6:30 online via Google Meet
Video call link: https://meet.google.com/hym-vwnm-ajh

Welcome

- Thank you for participating
- Participant introductions

Topics for Discussion

Last Year Recap:

- $1300 raised at our annual walk
  - Donations split between Autism Speaks (NJ) and CDG Care
- Goals for 24/25:
  - Set meeting dates in advance (today?)
  - Brainstorm annual walk details at first meeting
  - Plan inclusion & acceptance activities and events

News/Updates:

- TONS of great stuff happening at AHS through our WAVE (Work and Vocational Experience) program
  - Presentation- High School Programs & Updates
  - Staff Acknowledgements - Bridget Garrity-Bantle, Dennis Bantle, Patti Myers-Griffith, Chris Harris, Stacey Augustine, Nancy Scully, Jillian Matysik
  - Highlights: updates to Work Based Learning, Community Based Instruction (CBI)/ NJDOE Cohort, Unified Sports- Unified Champion Club, Bowling and Track & Field, The Green Bean Coffee Shop
    - Students are working Breakfast Express on Fridays, Surf Shoppe daily, stockroom daily - applying what they are learning in their LIFE and Independent Living classes. Review of upcoming CBI trips, service projects, experiences with students from the other schools within the district, Audubon Unified students meeting students from Haddonfield's Unified program, getting started with the garden behind the high school, recent fundraiser for Unified Bowling
    - Suggestion to connect with Mt. Ephraim preschool classes
    - Expanding Unified program to Mansion Ave. The students will deliver lessons to the elementary students about being a Unified team member
- **DVRS** presentation to students at AHS- anticipated 1st week of December
- Unified Champion Club
  - Youth Summit - December 6th
  - Service projects

- Coordination with Haddonfield Unified
- School Garden project at AHS

Committee To Do List:

- Discuss meeting dates - winter meeting date: February 20 (Google Meet), spring meeting date: April 10 (Google Meet), walk prep meeting before the walk TBD
- Discuss Annual Walk date(s) - possibly June 1
- Discuss other inclusion & acceptance activities and events
  - Spectrum Sports Inclusive Activity night - looking to host in Audubon in January or March
  - **Rock Your Socks for Down Syndrome** - Wednesday, March 21st
  - **Autism Acceptance Month** - April
  - **CDG Day** -Friday, May 16th
  - NJ Special Education Week~ March 10-14
    - Message & Stickers to staff? Buttons for purchase?

Open Discussion

- Topics from participants?
  - Suggestions for increasing parent involvement in SEPAC - postcards, brochures, workshops (Nurtured Heart, mental health, survey for suggestions), advertising in library and municipal buildings in town, setting up a booth at information nights in elementary/preschool buildings, pasta dinner/ice cream social combined with a workshop

Start: 6:30
End: 7:58

Participants:
Noelle Bisinger, Jenna Casey, Missy Falkowski, Terri Salamone, Bridget Bantle, Dennis Bantle, Chris Harris, Kate Gregoire, Ammie Davis, John Barbieri, Amanda Barbieri, Lauren Cox, Lori Cassidy, Kyle Shireman, Stephanie Berenato, Jane Byrne, Larae Drinkhouse