

Merrimack Special Education Parent Support Group

Meeting minutes 9/15/09

Introductions 5 people were present.

Barbara started by telling attendees about the groups upcoming workshops in collaboration with the School District for 2009/2010. All events are listed on our web site (www.merrimackpact.com).

There was discussion about communication with the IEP team, it is great to have 2 way communication and alerts on what is going on to help the school or the parent after school on what is going on with the child that day.

Barbara mentioned printing of group flyers at Staples. Copies of flyers for the group were being sent home with grade levels K-8. Also, looking into posting names of special education staff from each school on our website. Looking to make information and communication easier and more transparent.

Has a meeting with David St. Jean and Marge Chiafery on Monday to discuss group events and ideas. Barbara informed the group that all Special Ed offices have copies of our group brochures.

Barbara asked attending special education coordinator any ideas, none yet but excites about the collaboration. Attending special education coordinator talked about new role of middle school Behavior specialist.

Joe gave an update on the new grant working on a new RSN Regional Support Network that provides trainings or technical assistance to schools and parents. The RSN is made up of parents, school administrators, educators, and interested community members to make action plans to help in student achievement and parent involvement in special education. An initial meeting will be held and then a forum to set priorities/ action plans for this school year.