

Merrimack Special Education Support Group
Minutes of Nov. 18, 2008 meeting

- Update by Barbara Publicover on current status of Disability Awareness Kit presentations/Special Education Parent Support Group information at the schools during parent/teacher conferences. David St. Jean and Marjorie Chiafery were very supportive of the presentations. District contacted all schools and scheduled table setups.
 - a. Reeds Ferry presented on Nov. 10-very little traffic but lots of people looking from afar. 1 parent email signup.
 - b. James Mastricola presented on Nov. 13-lots of children looking at the disability awareness kits but not much parent involvement.
 - c. James Mastricola to be presented on Nov. 20
 - d. Thorntons Ferry to be presented on Nov. 24
 - e. Middle School was skipped due to change in schedule of conferences

- Discussion regarding logistics of “Including Samuel” presentation.
 - a. Date-Feb 11, snow date Feb 18
 - b. Location-discussion regarding the high school Little Theatre, but decided it would be better in the high school or middle school cafeteria in order to have refreshments.
 - c. Target Group-discussion around groups and organizations to target. Attendee mentioned contacting the local scout groups for possible help with the event. Several attendees mentioned church groups as well.
 - d. Donations-discussion regarding seeking business donations as free door prizes as well as sponsorship
 - e. Dan Habib-One attendee discussed possibly speaking to him regarding the event
 - f. Advertising-discussed similar message to be presented to the organizations and groups. **Barb to send template of basic message**

- Adopted Mission Statement