

Legislative Action Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
5:45 p.m.
District Offices, Multi-Purpose Room

Attendees: Eddy Slosower, Marie Johnson, Maureen Ryan, Alberta Pedro, Peggy Kelland, Baily Iaccarino (RCK), Hope Kazimir (JJ) - left early, RoseMarie Conforto (OV)

Absent: Mehrdad Sanai, Robert Rubin, Amanda Sen

Public: No one from the public was present.

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1. Chairman Slosower opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
 2. The committee discussed the school assignments for the students to conduct surveys. The students will email Mr. Zipp with their availability over the next two weeks. The interview questions will be emailed to the staff members prior to the meeting with the students so that the staff members can complete the information ahead of time. The committee will not identify the staff members by name during the presentation; only by elementary, middle school, or high school will be indicated. Students will indicate the school name on the top of the interview questions. This is an information gathering process and this is not a means to evaluate any staff member. Mr. Zipp will send an email the department to provide this information to the special education staff. The committee will compile the data from the completed surveys and interview sessions.
 3. Mr. Carrion created the format for the questions which were submitted by the committee. The committee thought the form was well developed. The new committee members reviewed the forms and thought that, from the view as a parent, the forms were straight forward. The committee reviewed the goal of the project which is to identify and duplicate and overlapping mandates focused on special education at the Federal and State levels. NYS has between 100-150 mandates in relation to special education. The goal is to try to identify how the mandates are affecting the district from an instructional and financial aspect and bring them to the attention of the legislators so that students get all the services that they need.
 4. The students were reminded to review the document *Special Education in Plain Language* to become familiar with the terminology.

5. The students will meet with Amanda Sen on Friday at 2:30 at Orchard View AHS. Mr. Zipp will identify the teachers and staff members who the students will be interviewing. Mr. Zipp will let the students know once the names have been selected.

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6. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by consensus of the committee.
7. Set Next Meeting Date
 - a. Tuesday, March 20 at 5:45 p.m. at the District Offices
8. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.