

IPAC MEETING OCT. 15, 2014

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA of Martha's Vineyard and was attended by: Kate Devane, Marit Bezahler, Kim Leaird, Director of Student Support Services Phil Campbell, and parents Heather Hoff, Janet Sylvia, CJ Rivard, Mandy Tomkins, Laura Silber, Sharon Engel, and Patricia Meyer.

Discussion about IPAC parent reps in each school. We have volunteers for West Tisbury, Edgartown (Kim Leaird and Kate DeVane), the High School (Amy Houghton). Mandy Tomkins volunteered to be the Oak Bluffs rep. We still need a parent representative for Tisbury school.

Discussion about how to better inform parents of the existence of the IPAC. We asked Phil if he could mail a flyer home in IEP packets. Discussed feasibility of handing out flyer at IEP meetings. Phil suggested a mailing that announces IPAC and tells parents how to sign up. Commented that he does not control what happens in IEP meetings.

Kate: Suggests mailings don't get to all people and would like to link IPAC to the IEP packet

Kim: Would like to reach out to population of upcoming children/families and suggests disseminating to private preschools

Laura Silber: Identify workshop date and Basic Rights workshop

Kate: Maybe combine Basic Rights workshop and Resource Fair for special needs, autism, adults, project headway, teachers, bridge teachers, have DJ with CP, Madeline Way, speak with Kathi Hackett in JANUARY and build around meeting.

Mandy: Suggested collaboration with Charter for Basic Rights workshop

Phil: Open enrollment Autism 0-2 years November 4-21

Meeting ended at approximately 7 p.m.