

**SCOTT Transition Advisory Board
TAB Minutes
January 10, 2008**

Present:

Thom Gleich, Dav. North HS
Rich Toohill, Dav. West HS
Rick Sharp, Dav. Central HS
Jane Rock, Miss. Bend AEA
Wayne Morse, Bettendorf HS
Stefanie Brandes, Career Connections
Carol Aden, Miss. Bend AEA
Julie Newell, New Choices

Bill Hitchings, St. Ambrose Univ.
Paula Arends, EICCD/ACCESS
Michelle Wehr, Miss. Bend AEA
Katy Decker, HDC
Laura Blake, Vera French MHC
Erik Rogers, Iow@Work
Mark Holloway, Job Corps

Announcements:

- The Iowa Secondary Staff Development Grant is being launched with initial emphasis on transition assessment. 21 special educators in the Mississippi Bend Area are being recruited to serve as coaches/mentors to their teacher colleagues.
- The First Midwest Regional Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorders and Inclusion will be held on Saturday, April 19 at Augustana College in Rock Island. Several nationally known speakers, including Temple Grandin will be there. Go to <http://www.autismqc.org/conference.htm> for details and registration information.

Correction to December 2007 TAB minutes:

The Davenport Schools Legislative Advocacy Committee is **not** one of the sponsors of the Legislative Forums which are held at St. Ambrose. The other sponsors that were listed are correct. The Davenport Schools Legislative Committee organizes separate events, including the annual “Meet Your Legislators” in October.

Review of December Action Plan:

TAB minutes were sent. TAB website updates were completed are being added to the website. Wayne brought the QC Times articles about presidential candidates. Audrey provided copies of lesson plan ideas on teaching about the political process. Rich indicated that the Davenport CSD Legislative Advocacy Committee was very receptive to including students with disabilities in their event(s). Laura Blake offered to host the March TAB meeting at Vera French Mental Health Center and Bill Hitchings offered to host the May meeting at St. Ambrose University.

Committee Work:

We broke into sub-committees to work on (1) classroom materials for self-contained classrooms that will help students understand and participate in the political process and (2) TAB collaboration with Legislative Forums or events sponsored by Davenport Schools’ Legislative Advocacy Committee.

- (1) This committee utilized the materials provided by Audrey Mueller as a starting point. They will organize a packet to go out to self-contained classroom teachers and adult service agencies early this spring, and another for Fall 2008, prior to the elections.
- (2) This committee re-focused on the original TAB purpose and decided it is important to get students engaged on a more basic level in the political process, possibly on local issues that really matter to them. They will design a brief survey to discover from students themselves what issues they are most concerned about. Employment? Transportation? Housing? This group will meet again next week to finalize the survey.

We will coordinate both groups' efforts, to have a consolidated packet going out to schools and/or agencies this spring. The Fall packet and accompanying teacher resource information and activity ideas will be customized, depending upon issues identified by students.

ACTION PLAN

Prepare, send out TAB minutes and web address for Autism Conference.	Jane Rock	By Jan. 21, 2008
Check on hosting TAB meetings in March and May	Laura Blake, Bill Hitchings	ASAP
Check on reserving space at Libraries for future TAB meetings	Jane and Michelle	ASAP
Get voter registration cards	Stefanie Brandes	By 2-14-08
Find accessible voting sites	Carol Aden	By 2-14-08
Obtain answer key for worksheets	Michelle Wehr	By 2-14-08
Update voting websites & add local	Julie Newell	By 2-14-08
Work on survey for students about issues that matter to them	Toohill, Hitchings, Holloway, Rogers, Sharp, Rock	On 1-14-08

NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, February 14, 2008
1:00-2:30 PM
Bettendorf AEA – Lower Level, Room 1

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Announcements
2. Review January Action Plan
3. Committee Work and reporting out
4. Action Planning
5. Confirm future meeting dates and locations
 - March 6 (Vera French Mental Health Center?)
 - April 10 (Davenport Library Fairmount Branch, SCRA Room)
 - May 8 (St. Ambrose University?)