

SCOTT Transition Advisory Board
TAB Minutes
March 6, 2008

Present:

Thom Gleich, Dav. North HS
Rich Toohill, Dav. West HS
Jane Rock, Miss. Bend AEA
Wayne Morse, Bettendorf HS
Stefanie Brandes, Career Connections

Bill Hitchings, St. Ambrose Univ.
Michelle Wehr, Miss. Bend AEA
Katy Decker, HDC
Laura Blake, Vera French MHC
Twila Robinson, Skills Inc.

Announcements:

- Iowa Association of Persons in Supported Employment will sponsor Job Coach Certification training on April 2 & 3 in Coralville, IA at Grant Wood AEA. Contact Jane Rock for the brochure.
- Erik Rogers has resigned from his position as youth counselor with Iow@Work. Shirleen Martin indicates that the position will not be filled. Erik's caseload will be handled by other workers.
- It is time to update the TAB community agency brochure. Jane circulated copies for corrections.

Review of February 2008 Action Plan:

TAB minutes were sent. Sub-committee work was completed on the packet to encourage students with disabilities to participate in the political process. Thom Gleich invited and confirmed that the Davenport North IJAG representative will talk to TAB in May. Her name is Laura Bragg. IJAG stands for Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates.

Discussion on Spring "Political Packet":

Rather than meet in sub-committees, we discussed as a full TAB the content and purpose of the packet both committees have been working on. The packet will include (1) a cover letter (2) voter registration information (3) website suggestions for political information (4) a self-assessment titled "Am I a Democrat, a Republican or an Independent?" and (5) a survey titled "Why Vote?" All these materials are intended for use by special educators and adult services in stimulating thought and conversation among persons with disabilities, to further understand and participate in the political process.

We decided that the packet should be approved by high school principals before it is distributed to special educators. Some of the content may be perceived as controversial, so it is important that building administrators are aware of it. We also decided that the survey titled "Why Vote?" will be included as a self-assessment and conversation starter. TAB will not attempt to collect and disseminate results.

Other Discussion:

There has been a teacher request for TAB to consider offering a Person-Centered Planning workshop. Wayne Morse pointed out that several teachers at Bettendorf HS are using person-centered planning concepts and materials in self-contained classrooms.

Some of those teachers learned person-centered planning through TAB workshops. Several TAB members felt they could identify potential teams to participate in Person-Centered Planning. Bill Hitchings also mentioned the Life Planning Process and suggested that we need to offer educators a variety of tools that would realistically fit into their time and resource constraints. TAB members are encouraged to discuss with their colleagues interest in training related to person-centered planning and/or other transition planning tools.

ACTION PLAN

Prepare, send out TAB minutes.	Jane Rock	By 3-13-08
Check with Audrey on the source for the questionnaire titled "Am I a Democrat, Republican or Independent?" Add the answer key on the back.	Michelle Wehr	By 3-13-08
Update Rick Sharp on the TAB decision to share the packet with principals first.	Rich Toohill	By 3-13-08
Revise the packet content and send to TAB for a final review before it is given to building principals.	Jane and Michelle	By 3-14-08
Review the packet content and give Jane and Michelle any final recommendations for changes.	All TAB members	By 3-21-08
Share the packet with building principals and then special educators.	Wayne – Bettendorf HS Michelle – North Scott HS Jane – Pleasant Valley HS Thom – Davenport North HS Rich – Davenport West HS Rick – Davenport Central HS Kimberly Ctr and Wittenmyer Learning Ctr - TBA	By 4-1-08
Visit with colleagues about interest in person-centered planning workshops and/or training on other transition planning tools. Investigate AEA Conf Ctr availability (Jane)	All TAB members	By April 10, 2008

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 10, 2008, 1:00-2:30 PM

Fairmount Branch (SCRA Room) – Davenport Public Library

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Announcements
2. Review March Action Plan
3. Discussion on Person-Centered Planning and/or other training workshops
4. Action Planning