

School Paraprofessional Advisory Council Meeting Notes
March 10, 2015
SERC Classroom

Attendance: Danielle McMullen, Cindy Knutsen, Anthony Brisson, Bill Walkaukas, Stacey Cronk, Geri Lavalley, and Iris White.

SERC Updates: SERC is in the middle of proposal process, most proposals are connected to Special Education. For the paraeducator proposal, everything is connected to the Para Guidelines. SERC is planning to focus their recruitment on the Alliance Districts. SERC can do a needs assessment, identifying an area of need, and then provide job embedded professional development. SERC is putting together a one page in time to advertise to the Alliance Districts.

CREC Updates: A representative from CREC was not able to attend.

Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 1st, 2015 at the Rocky Hill Sheraton.

Para Brief: Anthony will follow up with Regina Birdsell to try and form a group to develop a brief for Administrators on working Paraeducators.

School Paraprofessional Advisory Council meetings: We discussed alternating locations. Stacey Cronk will host the next meeting on May 12th at CES in Trumbull. The meeting will take place during our regular time, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Registered Behavior Technicians: usually considered a paraprofessional who wants to take the next step to be a more trained in managing behavior-similar to BCBA- 40 hours.

NRCP Conference Update: Current Registration Numbers: 169. We are expecting 10 more students from Wisconsin, 12 from Jenny Young NEA team for 191 total.

We need to try and do a final push for the conference. Perhaps a follow up to administrators encouraging them, stressing the attendance options, and early bird rates. Iris sent out to district contacts and Christine sent to special education supervisors. Christine may have a list of principals to send the email last. SERC can also send out a blast to participants who have attended the state conference the past few years.

Raised Bills No. 6968 and No. 972: Iris introduced these two paraprofessional bills. Discussion followed.

Dates for Paraeducator of the Year Screening and Interviews:

Para of the Year Screening will take place on Tuesday, June 30th at CSDE Office in Middletown.

Para of the Year Interviews will take place on Friday, July 31st at CSDE Office in Hartford. Council members should contact Iris White if they are interested in participating.

ESEA Reauthorization: Iris shared information from NRCP on the ESEA Reauthorization and the status of Paraeducators in the proposed legislation.