

SEAC Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2007

- **In attendance:** Parents: *Vicki Allred, Andrea Braun, Penny Hill, Patti Jansen, Amy Onken, Leslie Siegel*. Staff: *Michelle Dunaski, Jennifer Kuykendall, Jason Lahr, Kim Lannier, Jean Lynch, Josh Robinson, Dan Spriggs, Rod Thompson*
- **PACER Puppets:** It is hopeful that the PACER Puppet Program will return on a rotating basis. Target disabilities, per discussion with parents, will be Autism, Learning Disabilities, and Attention Deficit Disorder. Target grades will be 1st – 4th and appropriate disability awareness programs for the secondary level will be discussed with building principals.
- The **upcoming meeting dates** will be included in Words from Wilshire news letter, along with the HS & MS announcements and on our website.
- **Point of interest:** Two after school programs, offered to all students, were discussed. Lego League in the MS and Designing a Robot in the HS.
- The guidelines for the **gifted & talented** programs for WP, MS & HS were discussed and handouts were provided. It was reiterated that children with special needs are eligible for the gifted & talented program if they meet criteria.
- A parent of a child with Autism has provided an **extensive list of Autism resources**, which is available on our website. There also will be copies available at the next SEAC meeting. Continue to send resources to Michelle at mdunaski@stanthony.k12.mn.us
- **Josh Robinson, Director of Special Education**, shared his presentation on Positive Parenting: Managing our Children's Behavior. There will be extra handouts available at our next meeting for those that missed the presentation.
- **Superintendent Rod Thompson** spoke on his commitment to Special Education. He has also offered to return to the next meeting for an additional Q&A since we ran out of time at the last meeting.
- The current **Miss Minnesota, Jennifer Hudspeth's platform is Autism Awareness**. Michelle has talked with the building principals and will share ideas at our next SEAC meeting.
- **February's SEAC Topic** is Mental Illness, Depression, Bi Polar and Anxiety Disorders. Cindy Slowiak from the Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative will speak at the meeting.
- **Upcoming meeting dates:** February 26, April 24 and May 28.