

REPORT FOR SCHOOL BOARD FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBERS: Catherine Kepler, Eileen Allen, Lee Abbey, Candy Hobbs, Christy Price, Judy Blankenship, Jan Metcalf, Kimberly Ilse, Louisa Stone, Dan Laws, Alma Guterrez, George Burks, Kevin Newsom, Taylor Stephenson

1. Campus staffing patterns. Secondary schools need a full time special education teacher who does not coach. Recommendation: Will hire a teacher who is passionate about services for special education students and who is an advocate for these kids.

Persons Responsible: T. Stephenson, K. Newsom Date to be Implemented: 6/1/2013

2. BISD will collaborate with Cluster 5 for special education administration, oversight & hiring decisions. Cluster 5 will help advertise positions, develop training modules for all special education staff and assist staff with admin. of special Ed programs.

Person Responsible: A. Gutierrez Date to be Implemented: ASAP

3. Campus staffing patterns will be examined to insure students needs as documented in the IEP are being met. IEPs are the foundation for special education students' study. IEPs will be followed. Need more training for mainstream teachers.

Persons Responsible: A. Gutierrez, G. Burks, K. Newsom, Cluster V Date to be Implemented: 8/1/2013

4. Standardize the CMS check in system. Smile has electronic system, and secondary has been completed.

Person Responsible: Done Date to be Implemented: 2/25/2013

5. IEPS will be implemented as written and not changed without an ARD. There will be articulation from Elementary to Secondary. Mrs. Ilse & Mrs. Stone will work on this together before schedules are made in May.

Persons Responsible: K. Ilse, L. Stone Date to be Implemented: ASAP

6. Compensatory services will be provided as needed for elementary students.

Person Responsible: T. Stephenson Date to be Implemented: Summer, 2013

7. Formal training for administrators related to Manifestation Determination (review & change of placement requirements) will be provided by Cluster V.

Person Responsible: T. Stephenson Date to be Implemented: 8/1/2013

8. IEP dissemination will be standardized so all teachers receive IEP information in a timely manner. Administrators will coordinate with special education department personnel to ensure that this happens.

Persons Responsible: Special ED Teachers Date to be Implemented: ASAP

9. As soon as certified special education teachers are hired, the teacher will have the primary instructional role.

Persons Responsible: A. Gutierrez, K. Newsom Date to be Implemented: ASAP

10. State assessment results will be shared with all teachers, including special education teachers. Mrs. Ilse, district test coordinator, will insure that this occurs.

Persons Responsible: K. Ilse, HS Special ED Teachers Date to be Implemented: ASAP