

## Special ED Committee March , 03, 2009

A meeting was held at the district office tonight with members of the special ed committee. Parents, Septa board members, teachers, administrators, & school board members all got together for our second yearly meeting. I will list the issues we discussed.

\_ Social group - Plan is implemented K-12th grade. Thirty plus students are participating in our social skills group. Children meet once a week to interact, play games, learn life skills, and attend field visits . Administration has done a wonderful job hand selecting great Teachers and Teacher assistants. I will continue to work with our team to ensure this program is a great success.

- Sports program- We are starting up a sports program this Spring for special needs children. Baseball, Soccer, Lacrosse, & Track. Children will meet once a week for an hour session. Coaches are special ed certified , flyers will be sent home in the next month explaining the details. Grant 611,619 will be secured by Administration to pay for the program.

- Deer Park is in the running for a 50,000 dollar grant for "best practices Boces". Due to the hard work of our Teachers & Administration we are in the finals for this fund. Deer Park has been innovative when it comes to special education. I'm proud to say we are looked at as a "Model" district.

- Septa- Battle of the bands was a great success last week at the Deer Park High School. Septa raised 4000 dollars with a net profit of 3400 dollars. Septa PTA has done an outstanding job once again due to it's leadership. Septa will be organizing a dinner dance next November , 9 , 2009 . Nomination forms will be sent out prior to the dance nominating one Teacher per building for outstanding service to our district. Dance will have a Chinese auction theme, details to follow.

- General discussion- Summer School locations are being looked at JQA & JFK. Special Ed budget will be March, 10, 2009 . Adult living skills classroom expanding next year.