

Special ED Committee October, 14, 2008

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 first yearly meeting. I will list the issues we discussed.

! Social group - We would like to expand our socialization groups for special need's children. Each group would need a teacher plus two aides to be successful. JFK, JQA, RF would be the three target groups. We started this program last year at JFK , and it was a great success. Cost would be 1800\$ per group (needs board approval). We will also apply for federal grants if possible to reduce the cost.

! Challenger program- We also want to bring the challenger sports division to the Deer Park community. Children would be able to play baseball, soccer, & join a swim team. Soccer would be in the fall, swim in the winter, & baseball in the spring.

! Training- Special needs training for teachers & staff was discussed. Professional development for teacher assistants & bus drivers.

! Support groups- Septa parents could get together and discuss their problems via computer chat room or maybe at a monthly meeting.

! Septa events- Septa will be having a fund raiser on November, 22, 2008 at the changing times pub. Chinese auction with food & drink. Septa is also running the battle of the bands in February. Bands will be able to compete against each other at the HS on February, 27, 2009.