

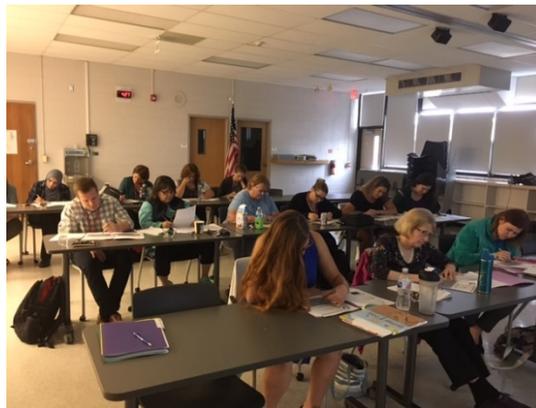
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 6, 2017

Almost all of the learning teams have met at least once since the start of the school year. As an organization, it is our mission to use this time together to enhancing our skills by learning from our colleagues. These meetings have started off strong with the teams identifying specific areas of professional collaboration and focus for the 2017-2018 school year. We are excited to move forward in learning!

AIMSweb Training

Maureen Quirk provided a training for District 16 teachers on how to use AIMSweb as a progress monitoring tool to evaluate student needs in the classrooms. Teachers were trained on how to use the data that is generated to design instruction for students.



Glen Crest Sign Language Club

Melinda Smith (DHH teacher) learned from one of her students that perhaps other students would be interested in learning sign language. She found a D89 teacher (Jackie Sabani) to partner with and started the Glen Crest Sign Club which meets on Mondays. The club has attracted a number of students, some paraprofessionals and even a Science teacher!

IEP Training for Administrators and LEA Representatives

On September 22, Cindy D'Ambrosio conducted a full day training in D15 on Legally Defensible IEPs. This training focused on strategies for preparing for an effective IEP meeting, facilitating a collaborative meeting, conflict resolution and consensus building, IEP legal requirements, and strategies for ensuring outcomes.

Early Childhood Collaborative

The Glenbard Parent Series hosted Dr. Deborah Gilboa on September 13th. The Early Childhood Collaborative held its first EC provider breakfast and EC parent education event in partnership with GPS. This event was focused on families of our early learners. We will host a similar event again on March 8th. Our first collaborative meeting of the 2017-2018 school year was held on September 26 at the Marquardt Administration Center.



Thank You!

CASE received a thank you note from Kim Kearney (SLP) for allowing her to borrow iPads this summer to take to Bay Cliff Health Camp in Michigan. The camp is a nonprofit therapy and wellness center for children and adults with physical disabilities. Kim summarized how the iPads were used below:

1. 4 children that are non-verbal and have no alternate communication system were exposed to AAC for the very first time. After 7 weeks of therapy, their parents were able to see their children communicating! It was super exciting, and their parents were shocked at the things they could do!
2. 2 AAC funding requests were able to be completed for families that would not have otherwise had access to necessary technology to include information in a funding request
3. 4 additional children were able to explore an AAC system with a more robust vocabulary, and their parents are considering different AAC supports and systems for them!
4. We also had about 10 campers come to Bay Cliff with their own personal technology, and the iPads allowed the SLPs working with those children an opportunity to get to know the apps. They were able to use the iPads at night and get to know the apps, plan for therapy, and increase their AAC fluency and their ability to model AAC with their campers.

So all in all, 20 children's lives were significantly impacted by your generosity this summer!

Equals Math training and research

Emily Shields provided a half day of Equals math training in D44 and has worked to get the curriculum up and running with continual coaching. The district has been asked to be a control group for Equals math research study for students with severe and profound disabilities. The teachers will look at scores of the

pre and post test scores of students as well as DLM measures to look at Equals Math effectiveness. Emily also provided Equals math training in District 16.

Evaluation Training

Cindy D'Ambrosio has provided several trainings for new CASE certified evaluators on the CASE evaluation process and evaluation system. Additional training has also been provided to new CASE staff.

Hearing Services

Jill Kolany has started a program in District 204 called First Fridays. She is meeting with high school students before school so that students can act as resources and provide support for their own peers.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Tuesday October 10 – CASE Inservice Day

Thursday October 12 – Business Managers Meeting

Friday October 13 – Special Education Directors Meeting

Friday October 20 – Glenbard Township Meeting (D16)