

December 7, 2018

Presentations/Workshops

Infinitec West Mini-Conference – Tricia Sharkey and Kathy Sledz presented a workshop that highlighted a student with a cortical vision impairment and how the team used CORE language techniques and incorporated technology to address his needs.

Tracy Kunce, Melanie Mazur and Robyn Maciejew presented to a class of future Speech Pathologists at Elmhurst College on school-based service delivery models.

Cindy D'Ambrosio and two administrators from NTDSE presented their administrative academy (Practical Ideas for Supporting and Evaluating Special Education Personnel) at Marquardt Administrative Center.

Sarah Lager and Reiley Straub (NDSEC) presented on Special Education funding and reporting at the Triple I conference.

Mindy Long presented at the Dupage West Cook Board meeting on low-incidence services and supports.

Jen Tate presented to the staff at Blackhawk Elementary School (D15) on de-escalation strategies.

Jen Tate conducted a CPI refresher training.

CASE Special Education Directors Monthly Highlight

District 93 co-teaching

Joint Agreement Meeting

Mary Furbush attended a joint agreement director meeting in which the team discussed the changes to the IDEA grant, special education funding and impending changes at ISBE.

IDEA grant - Cooperatives and districts are continuing to work together to push back IDEA changes for one full calendar year. Lots of discussion about the current timeline of getting grants approved in a timely manner.

CASE Holiday Party

This event will be held on Thursday December 13th at Glendale Lakes Golf Club. Our giving initiative this year is to provide gift cards and diapers to the Home Visitors for distributing as needed to families.

DWC meeting

Mary attended the Dupage West Cook board meeting. Student enrollment, tuition rates and budgets were presented. Mindy Long presented on CASE itinerant services and Kirstin Peale (SASED) presented

on O&M. The enrollment in SASSED vision programs and the LADSE DHH high school program continue to hold steady and tuition remains basically the same. The elementary DHH program has fewer students and as a result will see an increase in the tuition rate.

The Articles of Agreement were discussed and it was decided that a subcommittee needs to examine these in greater depth. There were questions about the role of the DWC Board, the allocation of votes to cooperatives and independent districts and whether the binding agreement should be the current Articles (including changes/amendments) or an Interagency agreement. Mary Furbush is on this subcommittee and will keep the CASE Board updated.

CASE Itinerant Services

On November 27th, former D41/D87 (and Mrs. Smith's) student Kyle Schulze, the "Deaf Ninja" from American Ninja Warrior, spoke to students at Hadley Junior High School in D41. Arrangements were made so that Mrs. Smith's *current* DHH students at Hadley could be in attendance.

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Being born deaf in both ears has created a life's worth of obstacles for Leyden's Justin Timmerhaus. At virtually every juncture, communicating effectively has been the biggest hurdle.
