



**PAC Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2007**

Attendance see attached

Introductions:

Beth Jones introduced herself as out going Co-Chair and Parents and then staff introduced themselves.

Dr. Sandra Halloran spoke about the District Improvement Plan and that it can be found at all the schools and local libraries and town halls. Interested parties can get in touch with Patty Morelli at 978-465-2397 to get their own copies either for the whole district or their local elementary school.

Dr. Beane introduced himself to the PAC. He is the new principle of Pine Grove School. He gave a brief history of special education in this state and his background in education.

James Montanari, the new principle at Salisbury elementary school, spoke about the Co-teaching model at Salisbury.

Both new principles from Triton Middle school (Jared Fulgoni) and High school (Kevin Mc Laughlin) spoke about working together.

Christine Kneeland told us about several programs within the district:

- Newbury Elementary has a language based disability program from grades 4 thru 6. It was started approx. 11 years ago. Presently it has one Sped teacher and 1 Para professional; it is a all day program with 7 students and with some inclusion.

- Newbury also has the ASD program Sarah Strong is the teacher and it has 6 students of varying ages and one-to-one aids. They consult with Futures which have many different specialists on staff.
- Salisbury has an ACE program (Alternative Community Education) Pat McGranaham is the teacher and this is for grades 4 thru 6.
- Pine Grove has the Discovery Center and presently has four students with multiple disabilities. The staff also includes nurses.
- Life Skills programs at all the elementary schools.
- Triton Middle school also has a LB LD program and has 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. There is also an ACE program there.
- Triton High school has a Language based LD program, ACE, and CAP career awareness program as well as a vocation career curriculum.
  - All these programs have to be recommended by the IEP team.
- Coastal Collaborative: Lorene Max is in charge of this program and is one of the programs that students within Triton are allowed to attend if the team agrees.

District updates:

Michelle Giuffre, Discovery Center teacher, and related services providers will spend the day with Asst. Tech consultations from the Coastal Collaborative November 9<sup>th</sup>, Professional Development day, to learn new trends in “Closing the Gap: The latest trends in AT”

Ms. Marx will be updating the language for the language-based LD program.

Life Skills, the CAT, and the ACE programs will have their information updated in the course catalog.

A question was asked about the recent grant award.

- The district received a \$25,000 dollar grant from the Tower Foundation: 10 lap tops (7 which are being used by students now.), a scanner, a camera, and software was purchased.

Also a question was asked about the Middle school having a Discovery Zone. There is none at this time.

Beth called for elections of new officers: the following was so voted:

- Co Chairs: Linda Riveria and Dawn Atkinson
- Secretary: Sue Beausoliel
- Treasurer Mary-Clare Condon-Dalzell
- School Reps:
  - Salisbury: Johnna DiFronzo
  - Pine Grove: Rhonda Ward
  - Newbury: Nancy Lucier
  - Middle/High School Kathy Volpone

There was a discussion about the email updates and most comments were positive. If anyone doesn't want to receive them just let Kathy Volpone know and she will take you off the list.

Ok for the treasure to get a checking account for the PAC.