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MCCPTA Special Education Committee Report

Chair: Jeanne Taylor

On December 1, 2008 we held a meeting for committee chairs and other interested parties. Judy Pattik and Gwen Mason, Directors of Special Education for MCPS, stopped by to introduce themselves to the group and briefly explain their departments. In addition, Rich Weinfeld and members of his consulting group came to speak about Best Practices for educating students who are Gifted/Talented & Learning Disabled (GTLD), Best Practices for working with students who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Mentoring Programs. The meeting was very interesting and informative. We had a good turnout of approximately 28 people.

I was invited to speak on December 2, 2008 about Special Education in MCPS at the Fox Chapel ES PTA meeting. However, due to illness I had to cancel. Hopefully the meeting will be rescheduled. At a later date I still plan on sending out an article by E-mail about the difference between Individual Education Programs (IEPs) and 504 Plans. This project was delayed because of holiday commitments and other obligations.

The "Call for Nominations" mailings for the annual MCCPTA Special Education Awards ceremony will go out this week. This year the ceremony will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009. We are really encouraging electronic submissions. Please look for your mailing via e-mail. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2009. We will show the Rick Lavoie video, "Last One Picked, First One Picked On" and hold a brief discussion afterward.