



# HEARING EDUCATION SERVICES



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## Consultation Committee Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2005

In attendance: Helen Kaufman, Assistant Superintendent; Rose O'Connor, Chapter Leader; and Betty Hintz, HES Coordinator at Martin Van Buren HS

### New Business:

1) Mentor for New Teachers:

Helen indicated that only uncertified teachers can be assigned a mentor. At this time, HES has only one uncertified teacher. She also indicated that the HES supervisors have been in touch with Sally Wilder, who is in charge of District 75 mentoring.

New teachers are able to get online support by going to the District 75 web site.

2) Circular 6 Positions:

Rose expressed her concern over the elimination of positions, such as the Grant Writer and Parent Liaison. Helen said that her instructions from Dr. Erber were to eliminate out-of-classroom positions. However, Helen said that she would provide support for our second annual Family Day. Rose will contact Gerry Jenulis to discuss plans.

Art & Music Positions:

Helen said that these two teaching positions were on related service lines and there weren't enough lines so the positions were eliminated. There was no separate funding for these programs.

3) HHVI/CSE:

Rose told Helen that HES did not receive information from the Region 3 CSE regarding new students in September. It would be helpful to have the CSE at least contact the HES supervisors by e-mail. In looking towards the future, Helen said that IEPs will be online in 18 months. She also indicated that a meeting is being planned to train school psychologists in the area of hearing education. Perhaps this will help us to identify and locate HES students.

Any teachers who have questions about triennials should speak to the SBST.

4) Audiology:

Rose told Helen that her audiologist was not informed of new students who were in need of FMs. Helen said that, that was not possible because CSE sends Helen FM requests, she approves them and then passes the information to Judy Cohen and the FM should then be ordered.

Rose requested equipment printouts for the RS students. Each teacher should receive a list for his or her students. She also is still looking for an answer as to why some FM units were not delivered during the summer to students attending math and literacy programs.

Helen said that she will discuss these issues with Sue Lipkowitz.

5) High School Program:

Betty asked if the previous allotment of 50 per-session hours for RCT/Regents tutoring be available again this year. Helen indicated that it will. She will get back to Betty to let her know when the high schools can start.

Betty brought up the issue of registering students. The process is too difficult and time consuming. Helen said that she agreed that there are problems for everyone. A better process needs to be put into place. Counselors might be helpful. Helen would like to discuss this again in the spring.

Betty also brought up the problems that are being caused by the Junior High School teachers not recommending MVBHS to their students. Helen commended Betty on the reports she has received on how successful the program is. They discussed ways in which parents and students can receive information on the school and to set up an orientation.

6) Extended Time:

Rose asked if Helen and the HES supervisors have discussed what the related service staff will be doing during the extra 37.5 minutes. The only suggestion Helen has at this time is for the teachers to take on an extra teaching period. Rose stated that the extended time is **not** an additional teaching period.