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**HES-UFT Consultation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 14, 2008**

**In attendance:** Rose O 'Connor, Helen Kaufman, Betty Hintz, Caryn Benjamin, Olivia Klansky, Judy Cohen and Sandy Spekman

**Old Business:**

- 1) Review of the Minutes – Audiology letters have been written. In response to the question about whether the letters would be mailed by HES or if teachers would have to give them to the principal, teachers will be expected to do it.
- 2) Supervisor – As per Helen, someone from “outside the system “ has been selected, but filling the position is on hold due to budget concerns.
- 3) Teachers are working as “shortage area “ (or the teacher ‘s prep) but have not been paid.
- 4) Mentoring – Helen is working with Karen Anderson from District 75 to make sure that all teachers who require mentoring receive it.
- 5) Changes – Helen does not foresee changes. Classes appear large enough to keep open. Some small classes are being kept open. The two classes in MS 158Q are being moved, but HES does not have a location as of yet. Helen assured the committee that it will be settled before the end of the school year so that parents can see the new site.
- 6) Travel Checks – Since we won the grievance, the question arises about how teachers will be compensated for the difference between \$8.40 per day and the amount for which they filed. Helen will find out how this will be addressed. The committee requested that this be resolved in a timely manner.
- 7) Title IIA Funds (staff development) – Brigidann Turadek leads the Title IIA committee.

### **Last Month's New Business:**

- 1) Audiology – Spanish and Cantonese translations have been done! Helen will make them accessible to teachers.
- 2) Reporting Child Abuse – taken care of.
- 3) Counselors – Sue Wolf, who retired, has been replaced by Gina Moore.

### **New Business (as of 5/14/08):**

- 1) Two teachers at Truman HS are out on extended medical leave. They have not been replaced. Permanent substitutes are needed until the end of the school year. Helen said that she will speak to Brigidann tomorrow.
- 2) Betty said she has had difficulty getting new students in self-contained classes into ATS (computer system); Helen said to let her know, since there should not be any problems.
- 3) Teacher Certification – No Child Left Behind has led to new requirements for dual certification. DHH (Deaf Hard-of-Hearing) teachers have been receiving “HOUSSE certification.” The concern is that teachers with less seniority, but with dual certification, will be able to “bump” senior teachers. Helen said that our teachers will be respected. The committee requested more assurance than that. Rose said the topic must be discussed further.

B/Q Day Staff Development – Requests were made for CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation), and for space that could accommodate the staff safely and comfortably.