



HEARING EDUCATION SERVICES



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HES Consultation Committee Meeting January 24, 2007

In Attendance: Helen Kaufman, Rose O'Connor, Caryn Benjamin, Judy Cohen, and Wendy Wolffson.

Old Business:

1. FM Units: There were no reports of students being without FM units for standardized testing. Some requests for repairs are still on hold. The NYC comptroller still has not approved the contract submitted by HES to obtain funds for new equipment. Phonak has been kind enough to work with us on repairs without being paid.
2. Gerry Jenulis' Replacement: Rose requested that the position be advertised soon; Helen will advertise sometime around May.
3. Observation Reports: Helen agreed that accommodations should be made for teachers who do not have computers or do not want to have to print out emailed reports. The committee agreed that the issue of a supervisor's signature was not important as long as the email was sent from the supervisor's account.

New Business:

1. Need for Additional Teachers in Queens: Helen will speak to Gerry. It was suggested that a mailing be sent to retirees who might be interested in F Status.
2. Family Day: The committee consists of BT, GJ, SS and Rose O'C. Family Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 10 2007 at PS 169M (110 E. 88th Street, between Lexington and Park). Fliers have been mailed to teachers for distribution to parents.
3. Audiology: The new pamphlet and packet of forms has been completed and distributed, but not consistently. Rose stressed the need for consistency.

4. Supervisors Acting Badly:
 - (a) There have been numerous complaints about one supervisor's demands and demeanor with her teachers. Helen will address this issue.
 - (b) Rose requested again that every supervisor conduct a monthly meeting of RS teachers and that there be consistency in the paperwork demanded.

5. Martin Van Buren High School: The Assistant Principal of organization has requested that due to overcrowding, our program leave the building. Helen replied that this request is under review by the DOE and that no move will be made without equivalent space. There are no plans to close the High School program in Queens.

6. There are no current plans to close the JHS program at IS 98.