



# HEARING EDUCATION SERVICES



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## HES Consultation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2011

4:00- 5:00 pm.

400 First Avenue, 5th floor, New York, NY 10004

### **In Attendance:**

Helen Kaufman, Assistant Superintendent; Cecilia Cortez, UFT HES Chapter Leader; Dana Kafko, Brooklyn HES Related Services Teacher / Note taker; Sandy Spekman RSP Bronx

### **Agenda:**

#### **1. SESIS Training**

Ms. Kaufman said at our last meeting she will provide CDs for HES providers as training for SESIS. That is unacceptable.

She said she will provide training for HES providers in June.

SE SIS is a five year rolled out plan. There is a website and people can look at it if they are having problems. SESIS first roll out was the IEP. That was implemented this year. She continued to explain that 23 people have already been trained. I asked her if the people who have been trained can train the rest. Ms. Kaufman didn't know if that is possible due to the fact they would need a laptop to show the process. She said that Ms. Natalie MacQueen, who works for District 75 as a liaison for SESIS, will provide training for HES teachers.

One problem is that there is no facility large enough to hold all the HES providers at one time for training.

Ms. Kaufman knows that HES providers are having problems with SESIS. She said the supervisors have told her that.

She reiterated that the most important thing is to have principals add HES providers to the Galaxy as non paying personnel.

It is a big problem that HES providers are not in Galaxy yet. She promises that HES providers will be trained in June on the professional development day.

## **2. SBO**

Ms. Kaufman said she doesn't have an answer yet. She asked Mr Heck, the Superintendent about it. He said he will speak to Mr. O' Leary, District Representative. We will look for an answer this month.

## **3. Budget**

There is not going to be any layoffs in HES for next year. There will be an increase in Related Services Providers working for HES and classes for Hearing Impaired children. Paraprofessionals, interpreters, and self contained teachers can call a sub central and get a substitute for the day they are absent. That will be in effect next September.

## **4. Future Classes**

There will be two new classes for HES students created in Brooklyn next September. Ms. Kaufman doesn't know the sites yet. As soon as she knows she will post it.

## **5. Summer School**

Everything is set for summer school. There are more HES people that want to work this summer. HES people have to be prepared to go to other boroughs. The Coordinator is coming back from vacation on May 12th. We will know more then.

## **6. Parking**

We will follow the procedure that we agreed on at the consultation meeting: Rotation. We are collecting information from HES teachers who have not had a parking permit before. The rotation will take place until every HES provider has had a parking permit once. Ms. Kaufman said the supervisors know that. They are following that plan.

## **7. Date For Next Meeting**

We plan to have another meeting on June 1st.  
If there are no issues we will cancel the meeting.  
Please send questions to create an agenda.