

## SPECIAL EDUCATION FOCUS GROUP 2009-2010

**Meeting Notes**    Date: October 20, 2009

TOPIC	SUMMARY	NEXT STEPS
<b>Tech Committee</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jean and Karen will check with their grade level people to gather information and make a determination as to whether or not requests will be purchased.</li> <li>2. Sue will send Jean and Karen the inventory information.</li> </ol>	We have requests for student specific software at the elementary and middle levels, as the FOCUS Committee is now looking at the tech requests.
<b>IDEA/ARRA Slideshow</b>	Overall picture of ARRA funds—Sue presented a slide show to explain how ARRA fund are determined and accounted for. We have goals related to how we are spending the money. She then went through our goals and what the objectives are for each goal.	Fund allocations will be sent to each building – the buildings will need to develop proposals to access the funds (Goal #1, objectives 4 &5)
<b>Proposals</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bethany—Ed O’Leary Transition Training on November 5 &amp; 6. Bethany provided justification for Transition Training on Indicator 13.</li> <li>2. Sarah Catudio—explained the proposal from Life Skills teachers to have sub time for three-day professional development.</li> <li>3. Heather Korbmacher discussed her proposal for professional development in EBD. Three dates (12/7, 3/1, 5/17) have been determined. They are asking for Dr. Bridget Walker to do one of the trainings.</li> </ol>	<p>Awaiting professional development proposal for Resource teachers</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p>
<b>RTI</b>	Discussion occurred about AIMSweb, assessments, “what is going to happen beyond the funding cliff?...”	IDEA ARRA funds have been allocated to purchase AIMSweb for 2009-10 and 2010-11. The district will pick up the funding beginning in 2011-12.
<b>Professional Development</b>	<p>We generated a list of possible topics related to elementary and middle school teachers.</p> <p>Talked about use of TOSA to inservice individual IEP teams.</p>	<p>Principals and assistant principals own the decision on where to go, building-wise with implementation.</p> <p>Make a proposal if you can make a connection to kids. Email Sue if you have a proposal.</p>

<b>Legal Compliance</b>	Meeting adjourned at 3 PM.	Sue and Bethany to come up with a plan for TOSA to touch base with teams and instruct while working on IEP.
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