

KIDSABILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2010 MEETING

Attendees: Becky Dmitrienko, Linda Rogers, Wendy McIntyre, Deirdre Large

Items of Discussion:

1. Newly designed KidsAbility website: www.kidsability.com
2. Special Education Plan: The Ministry of Education is expected to release a new special education guide this fall 2010; a link will be posted on the KidsAbility website.
3. Logic Service Model: 6 x Section 68 schools in Ontario; results will be discussed at the meeting with the Ministry of Education on October 27
4. Reaching-Out Grant: grant received; expecting to apply for grants again; funding will be used to create the Parents' Guide: Bridging the Transition to Regional School; the objective of the guide is to assist parents with timelines, common language, roles, and responsibilities, as well as their child's right to education.
5. Medic Alert: KidsAbility School to offer the No Child Without program, funded by the Rotary club; for more information, go to www.nochildwithout.ca
6. Miscellaneous topics discussed:
 - Journal of Excellence - can be found online at the KidsAbility website
 - KidsAbility School will be hosting their Seasonal Celebration during school hours on December 10, 2010.
 - The vision project: librarian Carol Wiebe to assist in management of redesigning the resource center and library; the new space will be referred to as the "Hub / Heartbeat"
 - "Before the School Bell Rings" parent Information workshops: discussed the possibility of replacing with a one-day symposium during the weekend; potentially to include Dr. Jerome Schultz: "Chill Out" (managing anxiety)
7. Dates of Advisory Council Meetings for the 2010-2011 School Year: Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will take place at the KidsAbility, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
 - November 24, 2010
 - January 26, 2011
 - April 27, 2011
 - May 25, 2011 (backup date)
8. Advisory Council members are interested in having speakers at various meetings; speakers could involve an AIS staff member to discuss program updates.