



DUPAGE/WEST COOK GOVERNING BOARD BOARD BRIEFS

November 9, 2017 Quarterly Meeting

The November board meeting was informational only as quorum was not met. No action items were voted upon, and were tabled until the February meeting.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) Parent Program Report

Ellyn Gehrke, Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Audiology Program Administrator and Amy Deegan, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Social Worker gave a presentation. They explained the purpose of the new parent DHH training program, what the intended outcomes could be, the results of the program and the results, as well as the topics, that will be addressed and the scheduling of the program.

Parent Program Purpose – Education addressing the communication, social skills and behaviors in everyday family routines within the student’s home. It is student centered, and parents will learn strategies for communication with their children using hands on activities. The program is replacing the sign language classes with a different educational format. The previous parent sign language classes were declining in enrollment over the years.

Intended Outcomes – Parents can communicate behavior expectations in different settings with their child by creating a positive communication environment. They can locate resources about sign language, deaf culture and DHH activities and support. Parents will be able to troubleshoot problems and locate assistance for their child’s hearing technology, as there are changes and updates all the time.

Program Results – Parents will be surveyed after the last session, which is in April. They will be asked to rate their skills based on the “I can” statements. These results will be used to shape the program for next year.

Topics to be Addressed – October was the CHAMPS system and how to use it at home. CHAMPS = Conversation, Help, Activity, Movement, Participation, Success. November is family time – meals, games and holidays. January will be communicating basic needs, such as pain, hunger, etc. February will be the importance of sleep. Deaf students have a hard time sleeping. March will be going out in the community to work on behavior and communication. April will be a review and deaf culture discussion.

Program Schedule – Parents are invited to school for a 75-minute parent training session; 30-minute activity with students in the classroom; then a 30-minute parent discussion to review the activity, questions/answers and program feedback. The Program is held at North Elementary and Westmont Junior High, which are were SASSED DHH classrooms are located.

Enrollment for Low-Incidence Programs

	<u>11/2017</u>	<u>9/2017</u>	<u>11/2016</u>
Deaf/Hard of Hearing	114	129	128
Visually Impaired	79	74	71
Transition (Blended)	24	20	20
Transition/Project Search	<u>9</u> 217	<u>10</u> 233	<u>10</u> 229

We have seen an increase in Vision enrollment for the early childhood program.

Summary of Budgets for Fiscal Agent and Operating Entities

DuPage West Cook is an intergovernmental agreement and not a joint agreement or separate legal entity. SASSED is the fiscal agent for DuPage West Cook, and its role is budget development, quarterly treasurer reports and assessment management.

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The budget for the DWC programs (elementary DHH program, Vision program, ESY program and Audiology services) operated by SASSED are integrated into SASSED's budget.

The responsibility of the DWC programs is shared with LADSE. The budget for programs operated by LADSE are integrated into LADSE's budget, which operates the Hinsdale High School DHH self-contained program and the DHH Transition program.

Some of the responsibilities assumed by SASSED and LADSE as operating entities:

- Human Resource – hiring, evaluating & supervising program staff; managing worker's compensation, health insurance & other employee benefits; negotiating contracts with bargaining units.
- Fiscal – program billing, cash collection, payroll & accounts payable; carrying the IMRF reserve for employees hired by the operating entity, but who work in DWC programs; obtaining & maintaining classroom space for programs; budget development & management.
- Programmatic – developing & maintaining the best educational practices for students with disabilities.

SASSED budgeted tuition targeted rate of increase is 2.5%. Projected program tuition rate changes FY18 are:

- DHH 4.2% - due to a decline in enrollment
- ESY (2.9%)
- Transition 2.0% - medically-based population
- Vision 3.2% - due to a decline in enrollment; eliminated one classroom

SASSED budgeted services targeted rate of increase is 2.5%. Projected service rate changes FY18 are:

- One to One Staff 2.0%
- One to One Interpreters 1.0%
- Audiological Tests (20.0%) – due to a shared Administrative Assistant, eliminating an audiological assistant and a decline in testing

LADSE collaborates with the DHH Program Coordinator at Hinsdale South High School who reviews current and projected staffing needs and brings forward recommendations to LADSE administration. Incoming freshman are also considering for staffing changes to meet student IEP needs.

LADSE projected tuition rate changes FY18 are:

- DHH/Transition -1.8% - enrollment went from 82 to 62; mainstreamed more students with an interpreter
- ESY 14.0% - due to so few students; we pay staff hourly

Other Discussion

The Options Transition Fair, hosted by Hinsdale Township SD #86 on October 26th, was a phenomenal success. Over 524 families attended; 1500 attending the Transition conference; 11 districts and 7 colleges partnered; and over 44 universities and services were represented as well as a very informative panel for adult services. Wheaton/Warrenville Community SD #200 will host next year's Options Fair.

LADSE will be hosting a Transition Resource Fair on November 16th at the Holiday Inn William Tell in Countryside. There will be more than 40 representatives from colleges, universities, community organizations, businesses, and education and recreation organizations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nan Diamond, 630-955-8102, ndiamond@sased.org or Dr. James Gunnell, 708-496-3330, jgunnell@aerosped.org. The next DuPage West Cook Board meeting will be February 15, 2018 at the SASSED Administrative Center, 2900 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, IL 60532.