



## evanston citizens for appropriate special education

### **Evanston CASE, Citizens for Appropriate Special Education**

#### **June 2008 Newsletter**

Evanston CASE successfully completed our 10 recommendations for improving special education services in D65 and presented them to the school board on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The recommendations were received with interest, and Mary Rita Lueke and Katie Bailey both stated their appreciation. Our next effort will be to persuade the Strategic Planning Committee to include a special services strand dedicated to the specific issues related to improving special education in the 5-Year Strategic Plan. Several members of the school board are supportive of this suggestion, but we must work to persuade others to back the idea as well.

Please take some time to email, call or write to the members of the committee to urge them to include a special services strand in the plan. Teachers/staff, administration/central, administration/school, and board members can be reached via email by entering the last name with first initial followed by district65.net. The voicemail numbers for board members are available on the D65 website under School Board. I have included the list of committee members on the last page of the newsletter.

This is an example of what you could say:

Dear Strategic Planning Committee Member:

I am writing to urge you to include a separate strand dedicated to special services in the 5-Year Strategic Plan. This is important because special education is a complex issue and the policies and procedures currently in place in District 65 are problematic, inappropriate, inadequate and in some instances subject to legal liability. A commitment to a separate strand devoted to developing an improved special education system in District 65 is critical and prudent. This does not mean "separating special needs children." It means giving their complex needs the separate focus they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

#### **PARADE UPDATE:**

CASE will be marching in the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We have been assigned to Sector 6, position 68, at the corner of Highland and Hartzell. We are supposed to gather by 12:30; however we won't be marching until after 2:00 so don't worry about showing up that early. If you can make it by 1:15 that would be great! We will be having a sign making event on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:00.

We also really need your participation in the parade. We don't want to look like a rinky-dink outfit!!  
 If you are able to help out please call us at: (847)-556-8676.

Sincerely,

Cari Levin, LCSW

Founding Director, Evanston CASE

These are the members of the Strategic Planning Committee:

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Strategic Planning Team

Facilitator	Bill	Attea
Admin-Central	Mary	Brown
Admin-Central	Pat	<a href="#">Markham</a>
Admin-Central	Hardy Ray	Murphy
Admin-Central	Geneva	Oatman
Admin-Central	Sue	Schultz
Admin-School	Jeff	Brown
Admin-School	Michael	Dougherty
Admin-School	Beth	Flores
Admin-School	Gordon	Hood
Admin-School	Susan	Lewis
Admin-School	Patricia	Mitchell
Admin-School	Kathleen	Roberson
Board	Mary	Erickson
Board	Bonnie	Lockhart
Board	Mary Rita	Luecke
Board	Jerome	Summers
Board-Parent	Katie	Bailey
Board-Parent	Andrew	Pigozzi
Board-Parent	Keith	Terry
Business Community	Neil	Lappley
Parent	Anna Marie	Anderson
Parent	Chaneice	Brown
Parent	Jessica	Clarke
Parent	Paul	Goren
Parent	Karen	Larkin-Young
Parent	Jimmy	Murray
Parent	Tracey	Wallace
Parent	Andrew	White

Parent-PTA Council	Althea	Ricketts
Teachers/Staff	Marcy	Canel
Teachers/Staff	Jason	Ewing
Teachers/Staff	Janet	Ferguson
Teachers/Staff	Jim	Janossy
Teachers/Staff	Mary	Larson
Teachers/Staff	Dorothy	Millard
Teachers/Staff	Deborah	Osher
Teachers/Staff	Lakeisha	Pearson
Teachers/Staff	Kathy	Pouper
Teachers/Staff	Sally	Rutherford
Teachers/Staff	Stephanie	Saunders