

**Linden Education Association
Superintendent's Liaison Committee
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Old Business:

1. Supplementary Checks – September?
The Superintendent continues to address this issue with the hope of resolution next school year.
2. Elementary Nurses – has the shortage eased?
The shortage has eased.
3. Basic Skills Teachers – Update status.
Mr. Martino indicated that changes regarding Basic Skills Teachers will be addressed by Mrs. Appierto in conjunction with the “No Child Left Behind” mandate.
4. Speech Teacher – Has the vacancy been filled?
The Superintendent is aware of the vacancies and has taken steps to resolve the issue.
5. Elementary IB – Update.
The program will not be implemented earlier than September 2004.
6. Elementary retention policy – Continue discussion regarding committee review component in procedure.
The discussion will continue and a resolution is expected by Spring 2004.

New Business:

1. Reporting of chronic discipline students to the superintendent.
The Superintendent does receive reports regarding chronic disciplinary matters.
2. Returning of problem students to their original schools.
Mr. Martino said that moving a student to a different school is a privilege. Individual circumstances may cause this privilege to be revoked.
3. Student discipline.
All disciplinary discrepancies should be brought to individual reps or submit problem to liaison meetings.
4. Lunch money collection.
Mr. Martino noted that there is an elementary committee which is assigned to simplify lunch money collection in all schools.
5. Is matrix necessary in K+1 after standardized testing has been completed?
The Superintendent is examining the issue and will make a determination based on the findings.
6. Secretarial dismissal during inclement weather.
Secretarial dismissal during inclement weather is handled as equitably as is possible due to the staggered hours of the secretarial staff and the severity of the weather.
7. Disparity between teacher and principal regarding zero tolerance policy?
Mr. Martino indicated that all principals (elementary through high school) abide by the zero-tolerance policy regarding fighting, etc. There are no exceptions regardless of a student's age or grade level.
8. Subs for paras?
Yes, there is a substitute list for paras. Paras call in sick on the code-a-phone. Subs are called for paras. Subs are assigned according to the same guidelines as regular teacher subs.
9. Is it appropriate for a teacher to complete testing of a child that was referred to the child study team?

Mr. Martino said that students should be tested by a certified person. He added that the district will be utilizing certified employees from within the district to try to address the number of students still in need of to be testing.

10. Gifted and talented testing.

- a. Can elementary teachers administer tests (K+1)?

Elementary teachers should not leave their regular classrooms to administer school testing.

- b. Policy regarding consideration and evaluation for program?

The G & T program is in the process of being improved.