

Minutes of the Academic Progress Outcome Committee Meeting
January 7, 2011 – Camelot School, Hoffman Estates

In Attendance:

Kay Moravek (Camelot)	Lisa West (Allendale)	Sally Sover (Cove)	Johanna White (Summit)
Sarah Sebert (ISBE)	Paul Nijensohn (ISBE)	Joe Bynum (Abraxas)	Eileen Petzold (Acacia)
Kathy Fouks (Acacia)	Sandra Krekeler (Grand Prairie)	Kenneth Kosin (Orchard)	Elaine Murillo (Connections)
Mike Otte (Elim)			

Called In: Brandy Larrance (New Hope), Laura Franz (New Hope), Susan Szekely (Illinois Center for Autism).

Co Chair: Johanna White (Summit School), Sally Sover (Cove School)

Sally initiated the phone link and we were joined by Brandy Larrance, Laura Franz and Susan Szekley

Introductions were made and Sarah asked for someone to take minutes of today's meeting. Kay Moravek (Camelot DeKalb) volunteered

Johanna gave a brief update of the 12/7/10 meeting and distributed copies of the minutes. Only the co chairs and Sarah showed at that meeting. Sarah put out the request for better representation at today's meeting, prior to the IAPSEC meeting. The only decision made at the 12/7 meeting was to proffer the focus of Outcomes the first year be limited to Reading and Math.

The questions today are – Is that enough? Is using standard scores the best way to report? How often should we be submitting data – and to whom?

Paul (ISBE) asked the group to remember the audiences: Parents, Districts, ISBE and eventually Legislature.

Although these are not mandatory at this point, the group is seeking to be proactive before the mandate.

There was a healthy discussion among attendees about the use of standard scores. Some felt that they do not always represent growth. Others expressed concern that some schools do not use standard score materials, at district request, creating some difficulty in conversion and consistency. Everyone agreed that reporting new growth will bring new challenges, especially this first year, RTI, etc.

Johanna suggested a “ data center” for reporting. Paul suggested that IAPSEC may want to be that collection site. Sally questioned whether non-members of IAPSEC would be able to use the site? Would this be used for continued outcome monitoring? How would it be funded?

Johanna asked to revisit whether the group is strictly academic, as there was some discussion about reporting attendance, credits toward graduation, LOS, etc.

Sarah reiterated that everything is Academic – even goals set for kids on the Autism spectrum

Paul suggested that that the group KEEP IT SIMPLE as IEP Progress may be the only MUST report initially

The IAPSEC membership began to arrive and the meeting was wrapped up at 10:27am. The next meeting of this task force will be on 2/16/2011 at Summit School in Elgin from 9 - 12