



Program Advisory Committee (PAC) Agenda

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 10:00 am & 7:00pm
FVSRA Multi Purpose Room
2121 West Indian Trail, Aurora, IL 60560

I. Welcome and Introductions

There were 7 PAC Parent/Professional Members present and 12 FVSRA Staff at the 10:00am session. At the 7:00pm session 2 parents and 3 FVSRA Staff were present. Each member introduced themselves and stated how they are involved with FVSRA. The announcement that Katie Sullivan, Superintendent of Recreation resigned due to personal reasons was made.

I. FVSRA Programs and Services: Fall Programming Ideas

The group discussed what program ideas would be good for the Fall 2009, as well as, time lengths and session lengths. There were large sheets of paper around the room and ideas were posted under service categories. Below are the ideas that were generated within those areas.

- **Childrens (1-21 years old)**

- Saturday programs longer than 1 hour
- Parents liked the smaller sessions (2-5 week session vs. 8 week session)
- After School programs start around 3:30pm or 5:00pm (trans time)
- More Nature Programs (Morton Arboretum or We Grow Dreams)
- More Friday programming in the summer
- Library services
- Schools out programming
- Dog Therapy
- Skills Training (Life skills, computer, money) for 6-12 y.o.
- Typical peer opportunities – Marketed like Coops with member districts
- Preparing for bullies
- Safety and Internet Experience
- Sibling Support Groups with controlled activities for connections (not just talking)
- Job readiness skills

- **Adults (18 years and older)**

- Drama Programs
- Nature Programs
- Social/Rec sport leagues – volleyball, basketball, maybe sport rotations
- Day time programming – only 1 time a month
- 5:00-9:00 is a good evening time
- Saturday Programs are good

Open Computer Lab time vs. “lessons” – use a punch card system
Computer reading programs – Literacy Books, building stories, switch activated
Library services

Restaurant tours “how it’s made?”

Job readiness skills – other agencies looking for this

Scrap booking – in general and of FVSRA programs

- **Sports**

Downhill ski program (not just trips)

Snow Shoeing (Special Olympics)

Making transportation more clear for variance between games & practice

More skill development programs vs. just competition

Rec leagues / Intermurals

- **Special Events/Trips**

Luigi’s Pizza & climbing wall

Overnight camping trip “going green” (Do a 5 week program leading up to camping)

Museum days

More ski trips

Mix of Professional and local sport events

Highschool musical/theater trips

Local outdoor concerts

Just evening shows with and without meals

Week day/Day time events with advance notice for workers

Horticulture therapy with different gardens

Family outings

Stage Coach Theatre

- **Things to consider**

Time/Day of the week

Smaller chunks of time (2-5 week sessions)

Nature programs

Coop with park district

Longer program times including transportation

Bus from summer school to camp – phone call when child arrives

Better price difference for ½ day camp

Voice mail updated 1 week before

Website updates

Shorter length of time in between seasons

6-14 year old puberty programs

Parent Support programs – how to be a parent of a child with autism

Annual Review – reassessment with parent involvement

II. Meeting with A.I.D

Carolyn Nagle and Tracey Crawford met with Lynn Oshea, Executive Director, & Wanda Thomas, managerial staff of the Association for Individual Development regarding collaborations between our two agencies. Discussions related around Special Olympic programming, Dinner Dances, etc. The group will continue to meet the first Tuesday of every month at FVSRA.

II. Events

- **Kiwanis Golf Outing** – Monday June 29, 2009
- **Day in the Park** – Wednesday, July 15, 2009
- **Tee Up for Downs** – Thursday, Aug 13, 2009

III. Sponsorship Ideas/Fundraising Ideas

FVSRA should create a list of events and sponsorship levels to give to PAC members one time a year so they can recruit individuals they know for sponsorship opportunities.

Ideas:

- America Eagle Bank in South Elgin
- Casinos
- Sport Teams (Chicago)
- Plastic Cans at the checkout at local businesses for donations
- Cook Books
- High School Groups – Do a Dance a thon
- Jewel Shop and Share
- Chilis, Culvers, Fridays, Buffalo Wild Wings, etc. gives us 10% of proceeds

IV. Questions, Comments and/or Concerns?

III. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16th 10:00AM

Homework – Identifying Unmet Needs: Autism

- PAC members bring resources, group information, program ideas, etc.