6/19/12

Booster Club Meeting Agenda

- Welcome (Marcus)/Snacks
- Where do you see this group going? How often do you want to meet? Monthly? Quarterly?
- Metro Parks role vs. parents/caregivers role for Booster Club
- Get Involved Link-form committee within MPT or independent group?
- Focus Group-What is going well so far at STAR Center and with Specialized Recreation programs? What suggestions do you have for improvements?
- Bring in outside contractors such as Pierce Transit to do presentations, answer your questions
- Fundraising policies
- Facebook page policies
- New Programs
    - Groovin' with Marcus Fall Quarter
    - Metro Milers date and time-Fridays from 3:30-5 pm; walking at Wapato idea
- Questions/Concerns

Next Booster Meeting is Tuesday, September 18th at 7 pm (including Pierce Transit presentation?)

Notes from 6/19/12 Agenda

During the meeting it was determined that there were two parts to the Booster Club: Focus group to discuss what is going well and what can be improved with the Specialized Recreation program (which Metro Parks staff would be more involved in) and the Support group to discuss resources in the community for the needs of the participants and their families or care providers (which Metro Parks staff would help support as necessary, but facilitated by parents/careproviders)

- Support Group
    - As family members get older & can't drive their participants will need support group
    - Set up outside organizations such as Pierce Transit Shuttle, Tacid, etc. to come do presentations to talk to parents and care providers

- Special Olympics
    - Coordinate more tournaments and scrimmages prior to regionals so athletes get more practice time with their actual team
        - Basketball Invitational
        - Softball Scrimmage
    - Julie purchase more softball equipment including slow pitch pitching wheel & bats (coordinate with Morgan)
    - Track
        - Practices twice a week for 1 hour or 1.5 hour practice (2 hours once a week is too long when it's cold and rainy)
        - Possibly use Gray or Boys & Girls Club gyms for indoor workouts
    - Soccer practice
        - Use Indoor Field
        - More scrimmages; college student scrimmages went well but they needed more instruction as to what to do during game play (pass to athletes not to just other college students); staff coaching instead of playing
- Fundraising
    - Julie coordinate with Metro Parks Fund Developers
    - Restrict money from fundraising to Specialized Recreation or Special Olympics
    - Health Codes
        - If we are doing a fundraiser that is open to the community, then we'll need to have it catered (permit required)
        - If doing an event that is only open to Specialized Recreation participants, then Booster Club can help prep food if have Food Handlers permit
- Outreach to local high schools; spread the word to youth in the schools
- Participant Issues-what action taken for participants that are acting inappropriately
- Care Provider Issues-not watching their participant
    - Inform Julie and she will talk to the care provider or their supervisor
- Program Ideas-Tennis Class
- STAR Center-participants not allowed to cross line by themselves; some feel like they have less independence
    - Julie: That is the rule for now to help keep an eye on our participants going to kid's area as well as eating food/drink that they are not supposed to or in excess
    - Specialized Rec staff communicate with Customer Service, youth & instructors about kids coming into our program area
- Facebook Polices
    - Julie is working with Metro Parks website coordinator for the rules

Ideas from Valdez Family

1. Free classes that can be provided by Metro Parks such as How to conduct respite care, etc.
2. What are the guidelines the group has to follow?
3. Utilize local volunteers from the local military bases
4. Establish a standard agenda to be followed each meeting
5. Explain how a committee works for each event
6. Establish a liaison between the volunteer group and Metro Parks
7. Establish a volunteer group roster, contact roster
8. What type of group support is each family needing?
9. How does an individual address concerns to the group, then to Metro Parks?
10. How to request assistance? For who?