

Some general information to consider regarding SNL's:

This position would create multiple opportunities for each PTA and for the Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA.

- This person would serve as a liaison between Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA and their home school's PTA, thus providing a parent that could serve as a contact person. This alone would serve two purposes:

1. Many questions come from parents coming into this district who want to know about specific schools or programs that are offered. If they could be directed to someone from the school in question, a great service could be offered to these parents.

2. When parents first receive a diagnosis of their child's disability, they are often at a loss as to where to go for answers, support and information about a variety of things. By having a Special Needs liaison within each PTA, you would be providing a valuable resource within your own school.

- Special Needs parents/students could provide their own schools with valuable feedback in planning events at your school that might affect the special needs population.

- Parents of special needs children in every school could be more efficiently informed about what is going on in special education. The Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA offers information on seminars, workshops, parent training, advocacy and many other resources which are available to parents and children, not limited to the special needs population. However, this information would be available to the general population as well by having a special needs representative from each school at the PTA meetings. Often, the information is useful to all parents.

- In a district as diverse as ours, it is important to include the learning diversities that are present in D204. By having a special needs liaison within each school's PTA, it would create many learning opportunities for parents and children in our district school by making them aware of the things going on in the Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA. Not only learning opportunities for the special needs population, but for all of your student/parent population in our district.

What is required of an SNL?

While each school is different, the job of the SNL is to get information to the school about Special Needs PTA information – getting the word out about fundraisers, meetings, guest speakers are just some of the information that needs to be passed along to the schools. This could be handled in a number of ways and may be different from school to school. (SNL's would be encouraged to check with your school's PTA as well as your school's principal to see how best you can serve your home school as their SNL)

Be able to update the school and families about the Special Needs PTA events. This might include emailing the schools' PTA articles in their newsletter, or website. It may include updating the schools' PTA at their PTA meetings. Information for the Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA could be included in each school's newsletter or website in a more timely fashion because your own representative would know their own school's deadlines for newsletters.

Thank you for volunteering!!