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Meeting Subject: TroyASD Parent Group (7:30-9)

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Invitation Message

Participants

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RESOURCES

- Asperger's Book List - http://troypac.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/4/9/11498721/2014_aspergersbooklist.pdf
- Start Program - <https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/>
- Get to know me - Teacher letters (bottom of this page) - <http://troypac.weebly.com/iep-toolkitmisc-docs.html> or here - <http://troypac.weebly.com/resources.html>
- IEP Toolkit - <http://troypac.weebly.com/iep-toolkitmisc-docs.html>
- TroyPAC - <http://troypac.weebly.com/>
- What parents want staff to know and what staff wants parents to know - http://troypac.weebly.com/uploads/9/0/1/9/9019580/2011-09-21_pac_-_meeting_minutes.pdf
- Information on Hypotonia - <http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/hypotonia/hypotonia.htm>
- School Psychologist Newsletters - http://www.troy.k12.mi.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=358320&type=d&pREC_ID=801818

Therapist List - Provided by a TSD Social Worker to Jenny Kaluzny

- Melissa Wood - Presentation to the TroyPAC - <https://vimeo.com/127519560>
 - Counseling
 - Shelby Township ([586-255-2482](tel:586-255-2482))
- Sally Bloch
 - Psychologist and Therapist
 - Bloomfield Hills ([248-343-3318](tel:248-343-3318))
- Leslie Green
 - Therapist that specializes in ASD, ADHD, general counseling
 - Troy ([248-593-0678](tel:248-593-0678))
- Judith Lipson
 - Therapist that specializes in ADHD, Anxiety, Aspergers, etc.
 - Troy ([248-586-8665](tel:248-586-8665))
- Perspectives of Troy - Recommended by a couple parents - they also have social groups (typically during the school year); \$260 for an 8 week program (depends on insurance)

Notes

Brainstorm topics / presenters for 2016-2017

- Executive Function - Elizabeth Cummings / Sarah Splan (Motivation)
- Nutritionist
- Alternative Programs -
 - Niles / Transitioning - <http://tsdtransition.weebly.com/>
 - Oakland Schools Technical Campus (OstC) - Transition Coordinator - Sheila Gannon
- Bowling Family Night
- What is the best way to communicate with staff

- OT/PT to present on sensory needs, activities outside of school, hypotonia, etc
- Social Skills - how to help child develop social skills; make friends

Diagnosis

- Do you need the medical diagnosis? Different thresholds for medical diagnosis at school
- Need a BCBA - Board Certified Behavioral Analyst to diagnose with ASD to get insurance coverage
- Formal evaluation often helps identify the other medical issues and helps with insurance

School sponsored programs

- Peer to Peer Program / Link Program - Goal is for every building to be doing it and consistently; not available at all schools; Link program is available at Athens and Troy High
- Circle of Friends - Elementary and Middle School - to help kids work on social skills

Achievement Skills/Study Skills - Middle school class - awesome class!!!! Highly recommend

Newly diagnosed with ASD - ways to advocate / help staff get to know

- Communicate directly with teachers
- Rely on Primary Case Manager to advocate if not getting a response from teachers
- Send e-mail to all teachers at the beginning of the school year
 - include a letter with a picture that educates them about student
- Meet with staff at the beginning of the school year or at semester change (add this to IEP and request with Primary case manager)
- Tell student so they can understand the "Why" of their behavior and they can also learn how to advocate for themselves