

March 8, 2018  
SEPTA Minutes  
Robbins School

Announcements:

Andrew Theill, principal of Robbins, welcomed the group to their building  
A very large number of staff from Robbins were in attendance

There is a policy forum regarding School Resource Officers on Monday, March 12 at Delong Middle School. SEPTA members are encouraged to attend.

School Board Elections are on April 3

SNAPS EC Support Group – Teri Noel

- Teri is an ELL teacher in Altoona and has two boys, one with special needs
- She created her group to connect families and build friendships
- They have meetings at the Chippewa Bible Church, but it is not
- a faith-based group
- They offer childcare
- The next meeting is March 26 from 6:00-7:30
- They have a Facebook group and that is the best way to find out about meetings

Wisconsin Early Autism Project (WEAP)

Brittney Schumacher – Supervisor

Adam McDonough – Advanced Behavior Treatment Therapist

- Brittney and Adam gave a very comprehensive presentation about WEAP
- They work with families and schools and clinics to identify children with autism
- They go to preschools and homes
- They are one of the main programs who deliver intensive ABA therapy to preschool age children
- Their programs fade out as the children reach school age and receive school-based services
- ABA is not the only type of therapy they provide, but it is the one they feel is the most scientifically proven and reliable for early intervention for autism
- ABA in-home therapy is a tremendous commitment for the family, often taking over 30 hours per week, including some evening and even some weekends. They believe this intensity and continuity is the basis for strong results.
- They welcome all calls and referrals and desire to be a valuable partner in our community.