

**Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee on Special Education  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Tappan Media Center, 7-9 pm November 7, 2016**

**Attendance:**

AAPAC Board: Barb Byers, Mary Duerksen  
PAC Building representatives and Parents  
Ann Arbor Police Department: Sgt. Tom Hickey, Community Engagement and  
K-9 Officer Jeff Robinson and K-9 Jase

**Next meeting:**

Monday, 12/5/2016, 7-9 pm, Tappan Middle School Media Center

Topics: TBD

Pre-meeting: 6:15-7:00 pm, Dr. Brown and SISS staff will be available for private conversations with parents/guardians

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    1. Welcome and Introductions
      - Mary Duerksen led introductions of the 2016-17 Executive Team and 2016-17 Building Representatives
      - Mary Duerksen introduced guests from the Ann Arbor Police Department
    2. Preparing for emergencies involving your child with special needs
      - Sgt Jeff Robinson (with assistance from K-9 Jase) discussed the role of K-9 in tracking missing persons.
        - Dogs are not trained to bite and will only attack with a special command to protect.
        - When tracking a person, dogs typically use scents from the last known location, although sometimes something belonging to the person will be used.
        - Anytime there is a missing child reported to the police, there is a huge response that involves local and county-wide collaboration (Washtenaw Sherrif, Ypsilanti City police, UM, etc.)
        - If the child has the skills, have them know their name and their mom and dad's name. Address and phone # is also very helpful.
        - PEAC (Program to Educate All Cyclists) will come to any class or group to educate children on bicycle safety.
        - For children who wander or run away from home, parents can provide information in advance to the AA Police Department that can be provided to the common dispatch center. When 911 is call, information will already be available to 911 operators to provide to police and others that will be involved in the search. This information would also be shared with officers assigned to that neighborhood.

- There was discussion around how to best let police know that an individual has a disability in a situation involving police. Something like a medic-alert bracelet might be helpful, but there currently is not universal, standard way recognized by police.

3. Time ran out and the other agenda items “WISD PAC Report” and “parent/guardian Q&A with AAPAC were not addressed.

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