

# VOICE Kick Off Meeting for 2112

VOICE members include parents, teachers, administrators, and community members who are dedicated to the education of all students with an emphasis on advocating for students with special needs.

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# Agenda

## ▶ Roundtable Introductions

### – 2011 – 2012 Officers

- Chairperson - Keith Partington; Vice Chairperson - Michelle Rosser;  
Secretary/Treasurer - Michelle Faulkner

## ▶ VOICE Meeting Dates

- Wed Oct 12 Kick Off Event, Weds Jan 18, Weds Apr 11, Weds May 30  
Planning Event

## ▶ Solicit Feedback and review ideas for 2012

- Flame Concert
- Monthly Social and Fun Activity
- Participate in PTSA Health and Wellness Fair
- Other ideas?

## ▶ Update on District Goals

## ▶ VOICE Feedback for District Council

## ▶ Pupil Services and VOICE Communication Update

# FLAME

- ▶ **Upstate** New York band made up of 10 people with developmental/physical disabilities, including autism, Down's syndrome, and blindness, is capturing the world's attention.
- ▶ Wants to **change the world** through music. They are a phenomenon that inspires people and changes the way the general public view people with disabilities.
- ▶ Flame article in People Magazine  
<http://www.flametheband.com/news.cfm/article/85103>
- ▶ People of all ages and backgrounds connect with this special rock band, especially those who have a disability. Parents are often overcome with emotion watching FLAME, seeing that it's possible to have their child achieve great things and, even more importantly, have a fun, fulfilling life.
- ▶ What's needed:
  - VCS Sponsor
  - Funds
  - Logistics
  - **Date**



# Other VOICE Activities

- ▶ Monthly Social and Fun Activity
- ▶ Participate in PTSA Health and Wellness Fair
- ▶ Participate with PIE and PTSA
  - ▶ Superintendent Town Hall in November
  - ▶ PRNC
  - ▶ Meet the Candidates Night
- ▶ Speakers
- ▶ Other ideas?
- ▶ Volunteers Needed
- ▶ Other ways VOICE can help?