



SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Board Meeting  
November 16, 2015

# Agenda

1. Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting. [2 mins]
2. Administration Update [5 mins]
3. Anti-Bullying event [5 mins]
4. Fundraising (restaurant fundraiser), bank account, and next steps for buddy benches and stand-up desks. [15 min]
5. Possible future events: Norman Bates on child abuse prevention, Beyond Booksmarts on executive function, iPad as assistive technology tool for communication [10 min]
6. School Committee News Update, if any (Tri-District School Committee Public Forum?) [5 mins]
7. SEPAC sign for fire stations week of November 15, and Parent Socials [5 mins]
8. Update on Past Events: Basic Rights, Test Prep, and Parent Socials [3 mins]
9. Updates from Officers (if present): Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, CRANE Liaison, Events Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, Neighboring SEPACs Liaison (Determine goals of initial reachout to neighboring SEPACs), PTO Liaison, Technology Coordinator (Twitter) [20 mins]
10. Collect Open Meeting Law forms from officers [5 mins]
11. Identify and prioritize ideas for 2015-2016 including, but not limited to, fundraising, events, and collaboration with district administration and school committee. [10 mins]
12. Review action items from this meeting. [2 mins]
13. Any requests for agenda items for the next meeting? [3 mins]

# 1. Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting. [2 mins]

- Thanks, Paula!

## Minutes

### Sudbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for Oct 23, 2015

Goodnow Library Children's Room, 40 Fairbank Road, Sudbury, MA  
7:50pm start

#### Board Members Present:

Jessica Sales Cohen  
Laura Demerle  
Bruce Hoffman  
Stefanie Mittelstadt  
Paula Moyer

#### Board Members Absent:

Shana Kaplan  
Pieter du Plessis

#### Also Present:

Lisa Kouchakdjian (School Committee, via Facetime)  
Stephanie Juriansz (SPS Early Childhood Administrator)  
John Verre (SPS Interim Director of Student Services)

#### New Business/Assignments: (see slides for additional information)

Reviewed and edited meeting minutes, approved.

Parent socials, past and future.

Got more contact names for our email list.

#### Fundraising/Drawings:

- Runner up is Sharon
- Winner is Heidi Klapinski
- \$451 raised this year (up from \$303 last year)
- We don't have enough right now to purchase a bench or a stand-up desk at a school.
- We could wait until next year to raise more and then donate (this may make parents disappointed that nothing is happening now). Or John suggested that we could ask a local business to donate the \$800 still needed to get the desks and benches at each school. Or we can do an additional fundraiser such as Lotus Blossom (**Jessica will look into what it takes for Lotus Blossom**). Other options are Conrads or Petros. **Bruce will look into fundraiser with 29 Sudbury.**
- Let's at least get Amazon Smile back on track. **John will discuss with Mary Will and report back to us.** Would be great to get this up and running before the holidays.
- **Mention to PTOs now that we're looking to spend our money on these items and make sure the administration requests the PTOs to spend their extra cash on benches and desks.**

Test Prep coming up Oct 22nd, Basic Rights Nov 2nd, Boston vs. Bullies Dec 3rd. **Laura will send all flyers to Friday Flyers.**

Laura went to the Lynn Lyons' Anxious Child, Anxious Parent presentation in NH. She's expensive but put her on our list for ideas for next year.

Treasurer's report: **John will speak with Mary about getting more access to our funds, and will make sure that Bruce and Mary are in touch.**

## 2. Administration Update [5 mins]

- John? Stephanie?

### 3. Anti-Bullying event [5 mins]



THU, DEC 3 7:00 PM

**Boston vs Bullies: How to help children deal with bullying**

Family & Education

21 Concord Road, Sudbury, MA, 01776, US

- Who from SPS will be speaking?
- Publicity

## 4. Fundraising (restaurant fundraiser), bank account...

- Bank Account
- Restaurant Fundraiser

## 5. Possible future events: [10 min]

- Norman Bates on child abuse prevention,
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# School Committee News Update, if any [5 mins]

- Take it away, Lisa



Thanks, everybody!