

SUDBURY SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Sudbury SEPAC

Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2013, 6:45 p.m.

Paula Moyer's House, 39 Blueberry Hill Lane, Sudbury, MA

Present: S. Mittelstadt, L. Kouchakdjian, P. Moyer, L. Demerle, S. Houle, S. LaFond, S. Brown, J. Mitchell, M. Globerson

Old Business:

1. None.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer not present. No report presented.

New Business/Assignments:

1. Introduction of Board to new attendees, explanation of what SEPAC is.
2. Question by Mark Globerson: If advice given by parents is presented to administration or teachers, is there any feedback? Is there some sort of protocol?
3. Fundraising idea per Susan Brown: Partner with SMILE Mass. They have discount cards. Sell for \$20. We split proceeds 50/50.
4. Fundraising idea – 5K?
5. Parent Survey – Drafted over summer by Lisa K. with help of Leslie Leslie of MassPac. Paula will send to Debbie Dixson for review and comment.
6. Mark Globerson to speak with L-S Sped director re: L-S SEPAC.
7. Nominations for Board Positions need to be done
8. Meetings – set for 1st Monday of the month (except September and as otherwise specified). Meeting time changed to 7:00 p.m. for ALL meetings. Meetings may rotate between SPS offices and members' homes.
9. Promoting SEPAC – Per Stephanie LaFond – try to get SEPAC into PreK classrooms for Open Houses. Send SEPAC flyers to parents who have requested evaluations?
10. OPEN HOUSES:
 - 9/10 – Haynes – Lisa K. (She will email Paula prior to date to get SEPAC materials)
 - 9/12 – Noyes – Laura D. and Jess Cohen
 - 9/17 – Grade 6 –
 - 9/18 – Nixon –
 - 9/26 – Loring –
 - 10/3 – Grade 7 -
 - 10/8 – Grade 8 –
11. Question from Lisa K – how to invite families who may think their kid needs an IEP? Email Rich and Lucie on School Committee re: same. If we can't send them a survey, maybe invite them to a forum?
12. Socials – Rotate Thurs/Fri/Sat. First will be at 29 Sudbury.
13. Mark G – will ask Dr. Yermish re: dates in January
14. Stefanie M. will contact iPad person re: dates in February
15. Social Thinking – Paula will ask re: dates in December
16. Developing IEP – October 17

17. Basic Rights – 10/10 or 10/29. Maybe partner with Maynard?
18. Special Ed. In Sudbury – 11/5
19. Firm up dates ASAP and get onto calendar. Check school calendar. Promote at Open Houses.

Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Laura Demerle, Secretary

Future SEPAC Meetings/Events:

Sept. 16th – SEPAC Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – SPS Offices

Sept. 28th – Parent Social – 7 p.m. – 29 Sudbury

Oct. 17th – Developing and Writing the IEP – 7 p.m. – Curtis Middle School Library

Nov. 5th – Special Education in Sudbury – 7 p.m. – SPS Offices

Dec. 3rd – Social Thinking Boston – 7 p.m. – Goodnow Library

Jan. 16th – Dr. Aimee Yermish (Expert in Giftedness and Multiple Exceptionality) TBD

Feb 2014 – Basic Rights in Special Education – TBD

Mar 2014 – How to Use the iPad to Improve Communications Skills – TBD

Apr 2014 – Managing ADHD - TBD