

SUDBURY SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Sudbury SEPAC

Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Conference Room, 40 Fairbank Road, Sudbury, MA

Present: S. Mittelstadt, L. Kouchakdjian, P. Moyer, L. Demerle, S. Houle, M. Globerson, L. St. George, D. Dixon, L. Vecchio, A. Bartolini, O. Jenings, S. Nassa, J. Seney, J. Cohen

Old Business:

1. Minutes from August meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Approximately \$1100 remains in the account.

New Business/Assignments:

1. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. Discussed Calendar of Events and possible additions to it (Respite info (Jen S./Paula), Academy MetroWest, Morning coffee socials (Lisa K)).
3. Discussion – it is a struggle to get public to know that we (SEPAC) are here. Trying to find new ways to get the word out. Ideas welcome.
4. Needs Assessment Survey (Lisa K) – Lisa K and Paula M met with Leslie Leslie of MassPac over the summer to get her input about the survey. Have a good draft. Debbie Dixon will forward notes to Lisa K. to determine whether her issues are covered and, if not, may incorporate. Reason for survey – get both positive and negative feedback from SPED parents. Per Debbie D – CAN get survey to 504 parents, but some questions will need to be changed. Answer format will be changed to Yes/No/Not Applicable. Snapshot in time vs. Overall experience – Lisa K and Debbie D will work on it.
5. VOTE: The SEPAC voted in its new Board for the 2013-2014 school year by show of hands. Lucie St. George announced the positions and nominees and pronounced the winners. The new Board is as follows:

Chair:	Paula Moyer
Vice-Chair:	Lisa Kouchakdjian
Secretary:	Laura Demerle
Treasurer:	Lisa Vecchio
Events Coordinators:	Lisa Kouchakdjian and Laura Demerle
Membership Coordinator:	Jennifer Seney
PTO Liaison:	Jessica Cohen
Technical Coordinator:	Stefanie Mittelstadt
6. DESE Results of their Coordinated Public Review (performed last February) is posted on their website. According to Debbie Dixon, the issues found that require corrective action include: space issues (use of space) and getting IEPs out in a timely fashion. Corrective actions proposals are due September 27, 2013.
7. Board meetings are held 1st Monday of the month. Lisa K and Laura D will research Open Meeting Laws re: having meetings at members' homes.
8. OPEN HOUSES:
 - 9/17 – Grade 6 – Paula M and Lisa K
 - 9/18 – Nixon – Jenn Seney

9/26 – Loring – Andrew B and Stephanie L (?)

10/3 – Grade 7 - Laura D and Stefanie M

10/8 – Grade 8 – Sara H.

9. Facebook Page – It came up 2 years ago and was rejected for some reason. Sara H. will check her old notes to find out why. If no reason to not do one, Jess Cohen will set up the page.
10. Parent Socials: Per Lisa K., there may be interest in a morning coffee. Will set one up in October and maybe one or two more.
11. Fundraising: Jenn S – 5K – time commitment issue. Lisa K – will contact Maureen Gallagher to get connected to Rachel Coleman of Signing Time fame. Olga – If we were to do a 5K, what is the cause? What is the money going to do? What does the SPED community need? Debbie D. will think about it.

Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Laura Demerle, Secretary

Future SEPAC Meetings/Events: Please note that times and dates may change. Please visit our website, www.sudburysepac.org, for complete and up-to-date listings.

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

Oct. 7th – Board Meeting – Superintendent’s Conference Room – 7 p.m.

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

Oct. 29th – Basic Rights in Special Education, 7p.m. – co-hosted with Wayland at Town Bldg, 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland

Nov. 4th – Board Meeting – Superintendent’s Conference Room – 7 p.m.

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

Dec. 2nd - Board Meeting – Superintendent’s Conference Room – 7 p.m.

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

Jan. 6th - Board Meeting – Superintendent’s Conference Room – 7 p.m.

Jan. 16th – Bright – but Baffling (Giftedness, Disabilities and Multiple Exceptionality) – 7p.m. – Curtis Library

Feb. 3rd - Board Meeting – Superintendent’s Conference Room – 7 p.m. (May change)

Feb 3rd 2014 – Basic Rights in Special Education – co-hosted with Maynard and Acton SEPACs, Maynard

Mar 3rd - Board Meeting – Superintendent’s Conference Room – 7 p.m.

Mar 11, 2014 – How to Use the iPad to Improve Communications Skills – TBD

Apr 7th - Board Meeting – Superintendent’s Conference Room – 7 p.m.

Apr 15, 2014 – Managing ADHD in Children and Pre-adolescents – TBD

May 5th - Board Meeting – Superintendent’s Conference Room – 7 p.m.

May 2014 – Social Media and Bullying, Middlesex County DA, co-hosted with Maynard SEPAC – TBD

June 2nd - Board Meeting – Superintendent’s Conference Room – 7 p.m.