

Sudbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Sudbury SEPAC

Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2013

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

Present: S. Mittlestadt, L. Kouchakdjian, P. Moyer, D. Dixson, L. Demerle, M. Globerson, O. Jennings, S. Nassa, J. Cohen

Old Business

1. Minutes from October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Raffle winner – Heather Myron will receive \$261 (name drawn by Linda Karpeichik)
2. Paula gave Deb Dixson \$261 to deposit into SEPAC account
3. MDSC held fundraiser at Loring. According to Kerri Tabasky, \$600 coming to SEPAC from that event!
4. Paula will call Lisa Vecchio for balance

New Business/Assignments:

1. What to do with new money? Talked about having SPED teachers writing proposals. How does PTO do it? Deb Dixson said they did something similar a few years ago, related to technology.
2. Olga Jennings suggested a possible after-school activity.
3. Lisa K. suggested book donation or special SPED section in library. Possible cons – stigma? Who would maintain? Which books to buy? How to populate section? Lisa K. will talk to Goodnow re: same.
4. No update by Debbie D – focus on survey.
5. Paula, Lisa K., Scott N., Andrew B., and Dr. Wilson met with Michael O'Brien and Rich Robison. Concerned with anonymity of survey. Debbie and Paula will receive data from survey (parents will be made aware of who will be receiving data). Deadline for response: 11/22, then may send reminder with "one-week extension." Debbie will edit survey, put together the intro and try to get the survey out to parents by the end of the week.
6. Board and members reviewed survey content with Debbie D, made changes.
7. November 12th event – needs promotion! Everyone will help by posting flyers around town.
8. Parent socials – Coffee next week at Lisa K's house. Acapulco's on the 15th.

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Laura Demerle, Secretary

Future SEPAC Meetings/Events:

- Dec. 2nd – Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – SPS offices
Dec. 3rd – Social Thinking Boston – 7 p.m. – Goodnow Library
Dec. 7th – Parent Social – 7 p.m. – The Local
Dec. 10th – Parent Coffee – 10 a.m. - 30 Meadowbrook Circle

Jan. 6th – Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – SPS offices

Jan. 9th – Parent Social – 7 p.m. - Bullfinch's Restaurant

Jan. 16th – Presentation: Bright, But Baffling – 7 p.m. – Curtis Middle School Library

Feb. 3rd – Basic Rights in Special Education – TBD

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

Apr 2014 – Managing ADHD - TBD