

Sudbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Sudbury SEPAC

Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2013

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

Present: L. St. George, A. Wilson, O. Jennings, S. Nassa, J. Seney, L. Vecchio, L. Demerle, S. Mittelstadt, L. Kouchakdjian, M. Globerson, D. Dixson

**Old Business**

1. Minutes from November meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

1. As of 10/11/13, balance of \$1093.00. Add to that, \$261 from 50/50 raffle and about \$600 from Kerry Tabasky.
2. Some checks from K. Tabasky not made out to SEPAC. Lisa V. will call those people to re-issue checks.
3. J. Seney offered to write Thank You notes. Lisa V. will make a list for her.

**New Business/Assignments:**

1. What to do with new money? Equitable to make it beneficial for everyone. "Grants" would limit use to specific group.
2. Lisa K. went to Goodnow Library – they could give us a shelf. They are excited about the idea. We would need to do some research on what would be needed. Could be a book, video, ebook, etc. How much to allocate?
3. D. Dixson suggested a disability awareness program for certain (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>) grades. Wayland has "Just Like Me." Very structured activities, teaches tolerance, acceptance, understanding. Or, "Kids on the Block" for younger kids. Would need to start planning NOW for next year.
4. Lisa K. and J. Seney will research these programs.
5. SURVEY: Good response at first. Dropped off quickly. More responses generated when liaisons emailed parents directly. 139 responses so far, as of this morning.
6. Maybe separate Curtis data from other data.
7. Survey to end Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
8. Leslie Leslie wants copy of survey. D. Dixson to send.
9. Social Thinking presentation tomorrow night. L. Demerle to get snacks/water.
10. Have Allison Andrews back re: siblings? Or Workshop with Advocate? Lisa K. will talk to her this week.
11. CRANE: Lisa K. spoke with woman – they are looking to get us involved. Lisa K. will attend the meeting this week and report back. Also will ask when are the meetings? Ok with rotation of SEPAC attendees, rather than just a board member, have a rep?
12. Suggestion – Write articles for town paper re: SEPAC itself and its activities. Mark Globerson will submit questionnaire to next speaker (Aimee Yermish) to allow Lisa K. and L. Demerle to write article. Town Crier deadline is Monday noon for Thursday publication.
13. Changing Parent Coffee date from Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourned:** 8:20 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Laura Demerle, Secretary

**Future SEPAC Meetings/Events:**

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – SPS offices

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Parent Social – 7 p.m. - Bullfinch’s Restaurant

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

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Basic Rights in Special Education – co-hosted with Maynard and Acton  
SEPACS, Maynard (Location and time TBA)

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Parent Social, Lotus Blossom, 7 p.m.

March 11<sup>th</sup> - How to use the iPad to Improve Communication Skills (TBA)

March 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm - Parent Social, Lavender, Route 20, Sudbury

April 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm - SEPAC meeting, SPS Offices

April 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm - Parent Social, Acapulcos, Route 20, Sudbury

April 15<sup>th</sup> - Managing ADHD in Children and Pre-adolescents (TBA)

May 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm - SEPAC meeting, SPS Offices

May 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm - Parent Social, Bistro 20, Route 20, Sudbury

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00pm - SEPAC meeting, SPS Offices

June 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm – Parent Social, 29 Sudbury, Sudbury