

Sudbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Sudbury SEPAC

Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2014

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

Present: P. Moyer, S. Houle, L. Demerle, S. Nassa, L. Vecchio, L. Demerle, S. Mittelstadt, L. Kouchakdjian, D. Dixon, J. Cohen

**Old Business**

1. Minutes from December meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

1. Balance is just shy of \$2000
2. Thank you notes: Paula will send template to J. Seney to write.
3. Lisa V. will return checks she couldn't cash to their issuers with a note.

**New Business/Assignments:**

1. What to do with new money? "Just Like Me" program? D. Dixon will call Wayland Director. Maybe invite her to speak to us about it. Would need to plan now to do it next year. Would have school support. Maybe increase our visibility? Important to get parents involved.
2. DESE Guidelines for PACs – Lisa K. had emailed to us. It includes an overview of what a PAC is and does, mentions Needs assessments. She will do further research on CMR. Paula will bring a copy of the guidelines in Feb. for Scott Nassa.
3. Materials needed for presentation to School Committee need to be done by January 30<sup>th</sup>. D. Dixon and P. Moyer will coordinate. Looking at trends and will go through list. D. Dixon will check with Superintendent Wilson re: expectations for presentation.
4. We need to be sure to redact results of survey to maintain anonymity – NO NAMES!!
5. P. Moyer will send results of survey to Karen Walsh (Executive Asst. to Superintendent) and will send presentation and DESE Guidelines to School Committee.
6. Is Special Education the Right Service? DESE site.
7. D. Dixon gave members an impromptu education about SPED and eligibility determination.
8. EVENTS: Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – Parent Social at Bullfinch's. January 16<sup>th</sup> – Bright but Baffling – Lisa K will call re: space at Curtis. Basic Rights – Paula will handle.

**Adjourned:** 8:45 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Laura Demerle, Secretary

**Future SEPAC Meetings/Events:**

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent coffee, 10 a.m., 30 Meadowbrook Circle

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – SEPAC Board meeting – 7 p.m. – SPS Superintendent Conf. Rm.

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Basic Rights in Special Education – co-hosted with Maynard and Acton SEPACS, Fowler School Library, Maynard

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – School Committee Meeting – SEPAC to present results of Parent Satisfaction Survey

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

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Parent coffee, 10 a.m., 30 Meadowbrook Circle

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – SEPAC Board meeting – 7 p.m. – SPS Superintendent Conf. Rm.

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

March 28<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. – Parent Coffee – 30 Meadowbrook Circle

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)

April 30<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. – Parent Coffee – 30 Meadowbrook Circle

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

May 29<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. – Parent Coffee – 30 Meadowbrook Circle

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

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