

Sudbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Dec 15, 2014

Goodnow Library Crafts Room, 40 Fairbank Road, Sudbury, MA

Present: Lisa Kouchakdjian, Stefanie Mittelstadt, Laura Demerle, Debbie Dixson, Jessica Sales-Cohen, Paula Moyer

Old Business

Minutes from 11/10/14 meeting were approved.

New Business/Assignments:

Review of website updates: looks great, much cleaner. Perhaps add pictures of our children. Lisa K will send some over to Stefanie for posting.

Promotional activities: Lisa will email our contact list with the remainder of events for 2015.

Proposal by Bruce Hoffman to add an event to introduce the exceptional likes website developed by Jay O'Brien (www.exceptionallikes.org). It involves crisis management plans for children with special needs. Would be a one-hour presentation, perhaps in late March. Bruce will check with Jay and get back to us with some possible dates.

Lisa spoke about the recent meeting she had with Debbie Dixson and Kim Swain.

- Discussed enhancing visibility of SEPAC.
- Need to include communications with out-of-district families.
- Lisa would like Administration to communicate intentions ahead of time.
- Discussed van transportation issues and training involved.
- Middle school and bullying -- do a workshop on bullying every year.
- SEPAC needs a good way to communicate the "chain of command" to discuss any issues.
Perhaps part of a one-page hand out for parents?

Fundraising: use Amazon Smile program. Stefanie has a few more steps to complete before it's a go. She and Debbie Dixson will get together to complete steps. Also will find out where the actual profits will be deposited.

January 8th at 1pm is the next meeting with the Administration. All are invited. These meetings will probably be on the first Thursday of every month. Debbie will confirm this.

Debbie reported that we have \$945.08 in the account.

Debbie shared the "State of Sped" statistics with us. Quick overview and discussion of head counts, programs, inclusive ed, and proficiency gaps by district as a whole and by schools. More will be discussed at Debbie's presentation in January.

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m. and **Submitted by:** Paula Moyer, Secretary

Future SEPAC Meetings/Events: