

Sudbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for Oct 19, 2015

Goodnow Library Children's Room, 40 Fairbank Road, Sudbury, MA
7:50pm start

Board Members Present:

Jessica Sales Cohen
Laura Demerle
Bruce Hoffman
Stefanie Mittelstadt
Paula Moyer

Board Members Absent:

Shana Kaplan
Pieter du Plessis

Also Present:

Lisa Kouchakdjian (School Committee, via Facetime)
Stephanie Juriansz (SPS Early Childhood Administrator)
John Verre (SPS Interim Director of Student Services)

New Business/Assignments: (see slides for additional information)

Reviewed and edited meeting minutes, approved.

Parent socials, past and future.

Got more contact names for our email list.

Fundraising/Drawings:

- Runner up is Sharon
- Winner is Heidi Klapinski
- \$451 raised this year (up from \$303 last year)
- We don't have enough right now to purchase a bench or a stand-up desk at a school.
- We could wait until next year to raise more and then donate (this may make parents disappointed that nothing is happening now). Or John suggested that we could ask a local business to donate the \$800 still needed to get the desks and benches at each school. Or we can do an additional fundraiser such as Lotus Blossom (**Jessica will look into what it takes for Lotus Blossom**). Other options are Conrads or Petros). **Bruce will look into fundraiser with 29 Sudbury.**
- Let's at least get Amazon Smile back on track. **John will discuss with Mary Will and report back to us.** Would be great to get this up and running before the holidays.
- Mention to PTOs now that we're looking to spend our money on these items and make sure the administration requests the PTOs to spend their extra cash on benches and desks.

Test Prep coming up Oct 22nd, Basic Rights Nov 2nd, Boston vs. Bullies Dec 3rd. **Laura will send all flyers to Friday Flyers.**

Laura went to the Lynn Lyons' Anxious Child, Anxious Parent presentation in NH. She's expensive but put her on our list for ideas for next year.

Treasurer's report: **John will speak with Mary about getting more access to our funds, and will make sure that Bruce and Mary are in touch.**

Bruce talked about trying to get the author of "Preventing Child Sexual Abuse In Youth-Serving Organizations" (Norman Bates) to come and speak with us.

Also Lisa reminded everyone about the tri-committee meeting on Wed night and encouraged attendance.

John's report to explain the gap in kids with disabilities and those economically disadvantaged in standardized testing (especially Science) available at sudburytv.org. John willing to speak to SEPAC parents -- understanding the achievement gap for kids with disabilities. Raising the scores for our children with disabilities and the economically disadvantaged.

Next meeting TBD.

Adjourned 9:00pm and **submitted by** Paula Moyer, Secretary