

Sudbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for Nov 16, 2015

Goodnow Library Community Room, Concord Rd, Sudbury, MA
7:38pm start

Board Members Present
Stefanie Mittelstadt
Bruce Hoffman
Laura Demerle
Jessica Sales Cohen
Paula Moyer

Also present:
Lisa Kouchakdijian (School Committee)
John Verre (SPS Early Childhood Administrator)
Betsy Field (visitor)

New Business/Assignments:

Minutes from October meeting reviewed and approved.

Administration update:

- John took money that we raised and "processed" it. He talked to Melissa Martel, Assistant Director of Business and Finance, and documented the guidelines for management of the SEPAC bank account and reviewed with board. See scanned document.
- **John (with Stefanie, if needed) to talk to Finance about how to get the bank account number into the AmazonSmile website so the money that we raise can be deposited. Stefanie to send instructions to board on how to set their AmazonSmile up so that the money accumulates for SEPAC.**
- Two parents have requested assistance with arranging programs during ILAP early release days. John has encouraged Aspirations to do this, but no one wants to staff this program. Lisa asked John to try to see if NECC can offer an additional staff member.
- John reports that workgroups making headway with two major initiatives: inclusion and tiered systems of support. Also working on redevelopment of ESY program.
- John will present to school committee shortly after the holidays
- The Walker Report in the final stage. Analyzing data now and expected to receive first draft report right after Thanksgiving. Will be using their input in budget discussions.

Events:

Anti-bullying event 12/3.

- **John will ask Betsy Grahams to present and make comments on SPS's policies.**
- **Laura will get Boston vs Bullies in the "Friday Fliers"**

- **Lisa to ask Anne if SPS can send email to all families about Boston vs Bullies**
- **Laura to email Boston vs Bullies flier to Lisa and Paula**
- **Paula to promote online**

Possible future events:

Discussion on the child abuse prevention presentation.

- **Stefanie to invite Norman Bates to the next board meeting at 7pm December 15** to discuss the possibility of having him do a presentation.
- He would have to tell us what his presentation is about. Check with the Federation, perhaps, about this author. District can't endorse it.

Beyond Booksmarts on executive function (as well as workshop with Dan Levine of Engaging Minds),

iPad as assistive technology tool for communication

Fundraising Efforts:

Restaurant fundraiser -- Bruce hasn't checked into 29 Sudbury, will let us know. Jessica will check with Lotus Blossom for a date in February.

School committee update:

- MCAS scores for Science at middle school -- scores for high risk children low. Need to narrow gap, and Lisa will talk with Anne Wilson about what we're going to do, and how.
- Also discussed the tri-district committee meeting held in October. There was a rumbling for the consolidation of the SPED department. Please let Lisa know if you have any issues you would like to be brought to Anne's attention.
- Suggestion to redo the parent survey perhaps in one year so that we can see if anything has improved over the last couple of years.

Next meeting Tues, Dec 15th

Adjourned 8:55pm and **submitted by** Paula Moyer, Secretary.