

Sudbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2014

Kids' Craft Rm, Goodnow Library, Concord Rd, Sudbury, MA

Present: Lisa Kouchakdjian, Stefanie Mittelstadt, Laura Demerle, Jenn Pender,
Jessica Sales-Cohen, Scott Nassa, Debbie Dixson, Paula Moyer, Shana Kaplan

New Business/Assignments:

1. Minutes from August 19, 2014 approved.
2. Events:
Send a letter to the Town Crier and Metrowest Daily News with the next few events.
Places to promote our events — see list from July's minutes:
 Facebook (Paula); SFN (Laura); Mothers and More (Laura)
 Action Unlimited (Laura); Sudbury Community Pages (Paula)
 School e-flyers (Shana); PTOs (Jessica); AANE (Paula)
 Autism Alliance MetroWest (Laura); Mass Family Voices (Laura)
 MassPAC (Laura); everyone to post hard copies!
Paula to make flyers for first four events — get them approved by Karen Walsh.
Lisa to send info re: events to Paula for placement in the flyers.
Early Intervention Centers — get them on the email list for our events.
Basic Rights will probably be in conjunction with Maynard, Acton, and Concord.
3. Scott Nassa expresses his interest in getting more parent feedback like the SEPAC survey did last year. Over the next few years test results and assessments are all changing so we need to find a way to measure parent satisfaction. Maybe we should do the full survey every other year and just target the areas of concern on the odd years.

How is the administration addressing the issues and what are the best ways to measure the progress or lack thereof. Invite Anne to one of our meetings upcoming to shape this idea of measuring progress in sped community.
4. Changes in Open House: Jenn now doing Loring Open House. PTOs contacted by Jessica.
5. Updating website — edit drop-down menus per Laura's suggestions. We have to figure out what people will want to see when they get to our home page (photos, links to videos on Sudbury TV, links to the presentations, etc.). Stefanie suggests we come up with a high-level set of goals for us to attack this year.
6. How to bring up the issue of the perception by some in town that sped students take away from typical students. Debbie will address this in January with statistics of percentages comparable to nearby towns, etc. Anything else we should do? Think on this...

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Paula Moyer, Secretary

Future SEPAC Board Mtg – October 7th, 7pm at Goodnow Library Craft Room