

Sudbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2015

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

Present: Scott Nassau (School Committee member), Jessica Sales-Cohen, Stefanie Mittelstadt, Bruce Hoffman, Lisa Kouchakdjian, Debbie Dixson, Paula Moyer

Old Business:

7:05pm start

Minutes from 3/16 approved with two corrections per Stefanie. Approved.

New Business/Assignments:

Upcoming is Jay O'Brien is April 28 and Jen Barsamian is May 12th. Paula is going to do both of these flyers.

Lisa to go to Karen Miller to get a PO for reimbursement for teacher appreciation cookies. We will stuff them at Lisa or Paula's house Sunday May 3rd. Bruce's daughter will also bake cookies, and Paula may try to slice and bake.

Sensory-friendly dinner at Conrad's as an end-of-the-year party as a buffet dinner? Another option that Bruce offered is having a party at his house sometime around June 20th (Saturday) with kids and adults. He'll cook hotdogs and hamburgers and we'll all bring sides. He has a trampoline, Scott has roller coaster and Stef will be bringing Scott's water slide.

Lisa hopes to give a report about SEPAC to the school committee twice a year. Lisa may do it in April if dates work out with the School Committee.

Next year's presentations: Lisa is working on a list with dates as well. She would like to do this before she gets sworn in as school committee member.

Open Houses for next year are already set. Lisa wants us to think about which schools we'd like to do. We'll continue to talk about this fundraising.

Stef is still working on the Amazon Smile deal. They are not in a hurry about this. We would like to think about items we can buy when we do fundraising such as a standing desks in classrooms. "Stand Up with SEPAC!" Stand-up desks for our schools benefits everyone not just SEPAC kids. We can work out the details of raffle (will it be 50/50 or partial and rest to buy desks, etc.?) at some future point.

Goals and objectives for next year: increasing visibility of SEPAC within the community, having SEPAC at meetings with the administration, having someone from SEPAC on various committees (such as the Inclusion Committee).

Debbie: Edits being made to the Bus Manual. Will be shared at the next meeting. Special Olympics done at Loring and will perhaps be able to get it funded for the district. Debbie thinks it was a SERF grant. But Jessica makes the point that we shouldn't spread ourselves too thin.

Bruce wants to know if he should ask the Maynard Fine Arts Theater if he can do a sensory-friendly movie showing by the SEPAC. Bruce will follow up.

Debbie brought up the DESE Indicator report (Family Engagement Survey). It will be sent out to parents for next year. DESE is looking for high participation. SEPAC will also ask parents to fill it out.

Adjourned 8:56 p.m. and **submitted by** Paula Moyer, Secretary