

## Sudbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2015

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

**Start time:** 7:20pm

**Present:** Lisa Kouchakdjian, Laura Demerle, Jessica Sales-Cohen, Paula Moyer

1. Approval of minutes: Stefanie wants us to note that the AmazonSmile part should say that we are waiting on Amazon to fix a technical issue on their end. No "u" at the end of Nassa. Approved.

2. Vary evenings for the events.

- Maybe thin them out a bit, i.e., maybe not Social Thinking again. Levine was good.
- How to coordinate with all the groups in town so there is no duplicating! Some PTOs are doing executive functioning or social thinking or getting Sarah Ward in there. Why are we all trying to outdo each other? What's the answer here?
- Get Yermish back for twice-exceptional, and make sure we let everyone know what twice exceptional is so that the right people are there!

3. End of year party at Hoffmans -- get more info from Bruce. Probably around noonish.

4. Next year's events:

- Dec 9th bullying event (Boston vs. Bullies), Oct 22 SAT prep for sped, bipolar/manic professional (Dr. Wong) maybe January, NESCA doctor for early diagnosis of autism, and NESCA specialist on anxiety for crossover crowd. Let's stay away from Estate Planning because well overdone. Try Aimee for 2x exceptional. Maybe Dan Levine for interactive executive function workshop.
- Maybe take February off for a break?
- Basic Rights: Try to see if Maynard will foot the bill next year -- Lisa to email Jennifer O'Leary. Jessica can do the presentation. If we have to pay, Jessica has been kind enough to donate her fee back to the SEPAC.

5. Goals and objectives for next year:

- Transition if Lisa is not supposed to continue? Still waiting to hear about this. Visibility is so important -- we should be on committees like the Inclusion Committee and other groups like this one. Have the SEPAC be more involved in advising the administration.
- We are supposed to nominate and vote for board members. Stefanie will send out an email asking for nominees. We can vote next time (June) before the summer break.
- Stefanie skyped in to discuss the voting. Maybe Shana? Lisa will send her an email. Laura will check with Stephanie LaFond to see if she may be interested in participating. Paula will ask Amy Ackerson if she would be interested. Lisa will also ask Peter or Estel if they may be interested. Paula will BCC everyone on the email to Amy for some ideas for wording. Paula sent one to Jenn.
- Amazon Smile: checking about having our own bank account for routing purposes. In Debbie's court to get this information to us.

6. Debbie not here.

7. Got it all done!

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