



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools  
**Special Education Parent Advisory Council**

*Meeting Minutes*

**Date:** February 26, 2013, 7:07pm

**Meeting Place:** Tahanto Regional Library

**In attendance:** Karen Groccia, Kathy Lohnes, Lynn Botsaris, Lisa Thompson, Christi Stille, Deanna King, Angela Allred, Kristen Socha, Paula Beaulac, Lori Michalak, Tracy Cyr, Kathleen Berger, Dina Sciarra, Joanne Carey, Jill Mollica, Patrick Healy, Molly Martinez.

**Welcome and Presentation:**

Linda Checola, BES psychologist and Carla Mason, Special Education Coordinator for Berlin/Boylston presented to a host of guests. Christi welcomed them as presenters of the "Think: Kids, rethinking challenging kids" program. Slides and videos were viewed and questions/discussion followed. More information can be found on the website: [www.Thinkkids.org](http://www.Thinkkids.org).

**General Meeting:** 8:26pm

**Membership Report:** 91 members, 55 Yahoo! Group members.  
Angela Allred

**Financial:** Current balance is \$2,068.77. Check to Lori Michalak in the amount of \$96.65 for paper and ink supplies for NISW certificates and printing. \$0.37 interest accrued.  
Lori Michalak

**Communications:** No communications this month.

**PR Report:** The Banner printed NISW feature written by Karen. Think: Kids and the Deanna King  
Lyman Pie Sale were printed in Action Unlimited and the Item.

**NISW wrap-up:** Lori will present the certificates to the Tahanto participants including Diane Tucceri tomorrow along with a treat for Diane for her participation.

**Scholarship Update:** All scholarship information has been distributed and updated by Jill.

**Website Update:** Karen met with Katherine Ryan to discuss our website. Katherine will work with Karen to design our new website using Komposer software.

**Excellent Educator Awards:**

Lori Michalak  
Rochelle Peret

Karen distributed draft of Flyer for review. Board edited draft and Karen will implement changes. Deadline for PR and backpack flyers to go out is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Due date for nominations is April 12<sup>th</sup>, and e-mail reminders will be posted about April 5<sup>th</sup>. Distribution of nominations/awards will be during Teacher Appreciation Week, April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lori will receive the nominations and print them. Distribution persons TBD.

**Kindergarten Orientation Nights:**

BMS – February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30. Jill will represent SEPAC.  
BES – February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. Angela will represent SEPAC.

**School Meeting Reports:** **Boylston School Council** – Karen Groccia. There may be a completely paperless approach for information exchange where SEPAC may no longer have to supply “backpack flyers”.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Discuss 2013-2014 Presentations – Paula gave SEPAC her daughter’s business card. She works for behavior and education consultants where they may do a free presentation as part of a new program at her work.
- E.O.Y family gathering - ideas exchanged, Karen will gather information.
- Update Scholarship status
- Update Excellent Educator

M/s/p to adjourn  
Meeting adjourned 9:45pm

Approved:

Electronic approvals on file.

\_\_\_\_\_ Christi Stille, Co-President

\_\_\_\_\_ Jill Mollica, Co-President

\_\_\_\_\_ Karen Groccia, Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ Deanna King, Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ Lori Michalak, Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_ Angela Allred, Secretary

Submitted by:

Angela Allred