



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 27, 2013, 7:11pm

Meeting Place: Tahanto Regional Library

In attendance: Karen Groccia, Christi Stille, Angela Allred, Lori Michalak, Jill Mollica.

Membership Report: 91 members, 54 Yahoo! Group members. One member requested removal from the Yahoo!Group. Angela will remove member from master list also, as board decided.
Angela Allred

Financial: Current balance is \$2,069.09. \$0.32 interest accrued.
Lori Michalak

Communications: No communications this month.

PR Report: Karen will get an update on PR from Deanna.

Excellent Educator Awards:
Lori Michalak Angela distributed backpack flyers to BES for the March deadline. BMS has been notified and has forwarded the information via e-mail. Karen will follow up with Deanna regarding PR at Tahanto. Information was not found on their website. Due date for a nomination is April 12th, and e-mail reminders will be posted about April 5th. Distribution of nominations/awards will be during Teacher Appreciation Week, April 29th to May 3rd. Lori will receive the nominations and print them. She has received the templates from Maureen and has had one submission thus far. Distribution persons TBD.

Disability Awareness Program:

Angela Allred

Angela expressed the want to implement a Disability Awareness Program in the Elementary Schools. Discussed with Board how to go about getting participation/interest. Previously, Christi Stille and Karen Molnar offered support of the idea. Angela will draft a letter for the Yahoo!Group members asking for their thoughts and ideas on the topic. We are looking to develop a committee for the project. Karen will review the draft and provide feedback. Follow up at next meeting.

Website Update:

Karen followed up with Katherine Ryan to discuss our website. Katherine is currently in the process of learning Kompozer software. She will create one to a few templates for the website.

Scholarship Update:

All scholarship PR has been sent. No applicants as of yet.

Kindergarten Orientation Nights:

BMS – February 28th, at 6:30. Jill represented SEPAC to a host of approximately 50 parents.

BES – February 28th, at 6:00pm. Christi represented SEPAC. She spoke to approximately 30 families.

Regional PAC Meeting:

Jill Mollica

Jill represented our PAC at the regional meeting. Jill noted the presentation provided basic information regarding the role of the PAC and basic protocol. Jill reports our PAC has met all the guidelines. Jill noted she would like an 'agenda' before committing to the next Regional PAC meeting.

End-of-Year Planning:

Karen Groccia

Board discussed options for gathering. Some were: Pawsox, Tornados, Breezy Acres or Leominster State Park. Karen suggested subsidizing the cost through our own funds. Karen will find pricing for Tornados and bring to next meeting. We are hoping to come to consensus by the May meeting.

Programming for 2013-2014

Realizing Children's Strengths was brought to the attention of the board by a member. It would be a free presentation. Board agreed to table discussion until the summer planning meeting.

Future Meetings:

April 23 – FCSN on MCAS Testing:

Angela Allred Jill will contact FCSN to request the presenter contact information and forward it to Angela. Angela will be the liaison between the PAC, presenter, and the library. A short description of the presentation for our PR will be requested and sent to Karen to create the flyer. Deanna to send out PR. Angela will copy and deliver backpack flyers to BES. We hope to have contact with FCSN by the end of this week.

May 22 – General Meeting and Scholarship Vote

School Meeting Reports:

Union 60 School Committee: Jill

Regional School Committee: Jill reported from the Item, no SPED Issues

Berlin Memorial School Committee:

Boylston Elementary School Committee: Christi

Tahanto PTO:

Berlin LINK: Maureen

BUSS (Berlin United to Support our Students):

Boylston PTA:

Boylston School Council: Karen

Future Agenda Items:

- E.O.Y family gathering
- Scholarship
- Excellent Educator Awards
- Disability Awareness Program
- Website update

M/s/p to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:11pm

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