



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools
Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

- Date:** February 25, 2015 7:00PM
- Presentation:** Karen Molnar, Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the Berlin-Boylston Schools, *Rights and Responsibilities in Special Education*
- Meeting Place:** Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Multi-Purpose Room
- In attendance:** Karen Groccia, Christina Stille, Rochelle Peret, Karen Molnar, Ernest Dodd, Marie Dodd, Sheryl Lesslie, Elizabeth Trudeau, Jannel Fitzpatrick
- Membership:** One member left Yahoo!, 93 members, 49 Yahoo! Group members.
Rochelle Peret
- Financial:** Current balance: \$1786.87. Not yet received bill from the FCSN for the March presentation.
Lori Michalak
- Communications:** *Voices of Community 2015* Program information. We're looking for a BBRSD representative to attend the conference.
- Received communication from Jay O'Brien with an idea for a Safety Plan workshop for SEPACs.
- PR Report:** PR for December meeting submitted, Cancellation for December meeting submitted, Oxford SEPAC's Presentation on Autism Insurance on January 14 shared PR for January meeting submitted, Cancellation for January meeting due to weather submitted. Scholarship form drafted, *Excellent Educator Award* flyer drafted. Karen is drafting a flyer for the March 17 presentation held with the West Boylston SEPAC.
Karen Groccia
- Old Business:** Christi attended the BES Kindergarten Orientation and will attend the BMS March 11, 2015 Kindergarten Orientation.
- For the Tahanto Community Support Night in May we're considering involving SEPAC while focusing on Stress and Anxiety. We could potentially co-sponsor the event or simply help support it. The Support Night group will meet again to plan the May night.
- NISW:** National Inclusive Schools Week (NISW) was very successful at the elementary school level as well as the high school level.

**PPS
Karen Molnar**

Due to move-in special needs, the costs are higher in the special education department and are going to affect the budget.

Scholarship

Karen brought a draft of the 2015 Scholarship form. This year SEPAC is offering two \$300 scholarships. Deadline to submit the application and essay is May 15, 2015.

**Excellent
Educator Awards**

Discussion whether we wanted to change the current flyer, as in past years we haven't had a great response. We also want to get Berlin more involved – can we have Carla Mason's help to reach out? We decided to mail out the form to all special education parents through the PPS office. Deadline for submissions is Friday, April 17th.


School Meeting Reports:

- BES School Council:** No SpEd issues to report
- Regional School Committee:** No SpEd issues to report
- BMS School Committee:** No SpEd issues to report
- BES School Committee:** No SpEd issues to report
- Tahanto STAAGS PTO:** No SpEd issues to report
- Berlin LINK:** No SpEd issues to report
- BUSS:** No SpEd issues to report
- (Berlin United to Support our Students)**
- Boylston PTO:** No SpEd issues to report
- Superintendent's School Council:** No SpEd issues to report

M/s/p to adjourn
Meeting adjourned 9:04pm

Approved: Electronic approvals on file.

- _____ Christi Stille, Co-President
- _____ Karen Groccia, Vice President
- _____ Lori Michalak, Treasurer
- _____ Rochelle Peret, Secretary

Submitted by:

Rochelle Peret, Secretary