



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

## Special Education Parent Advisory Council

### SEPAC General Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 24, 2016

Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Multi-Purpose Room

**7:00 Workshop: *Achieving Dreams*** presented by Families of Children with Special Needs (FCSN), Co-hosted with the West Boylston SEPAC

#### **8:15-9:25pm: Business Meeting:**

**Minutes** from February meeting approved.

**Membership**-Rochelle Peret (numbers same)

**Financial Report**-Kerry Lavallee – The account has \$1033.16 and square has changed rates for online store as of July 1. This will only impact us when we use it again.

**Communications**- Rochelle Peret and Jessica Meltzer - A parent is contacting Central MA SEPACs looking for information about programs and services offered by the districts. The board agreed that our recommendation is that he should speak with Karen Molnar to get specific questions answered regarding their child. In addition and he should ask his early intervention people for their recommendations.

**Public Relations**-Karen Groccia - Excellent educator flyer was supposed to have gone out for the elementary schools and Karen will get pr rolling on it. We were top event in the Banner listings for the joint presentation with West Boylston's SEPAC.

**Pupil Personnel Services**-Karen Molnar (not present)

#### **Old Business**

FCSN's *Visions of Community* Conference, Berlin-Boylston & West Boylston SEPAC Impressions – It was a good experience according to Lisa Thompson, West Boylston SEPAC, who attended the event and our meeting. Kathy Lohnes was able to use the Berlin-Boylston ticket and attend the event. According to Lisa there were lots of great workshops to choose from, an empowering keynote speaker, she met lots of great people. Other things she enjoyed were the networking opportunities, lots of vendors and potential speakers. She said it was amazing to see so many people in the SEPAC communities.

Excellent Educator Awards – see above

SEPAC "Ask the Experts" – Christi was going to look into organizing. We need to follow up with her and find out if we should hold off until a future meeting rather than April.

Amazon Smile – Non-Profit Status - tabled

Google Hangouts vs. Skype for meetings – Tahanto isn't wifi friendly and rest of the topic tabled

#### **New Business**

Location for next meeting is Tahanto

