



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools
Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

- Date:** December 12, 2017
- Meeting Place:** Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Multipurpose Room
- In attendance:** Angela Allred, Paula Melville, Karen Groccia, Jessica Meltzer, Jannel Fitzpatrick, Karen Molnar, Kerry Lavallee, Rochelle Peret
- *HOLIDAY COOKIE SWAP *
- General meeting called to order at 7:07pm
- Minutes:** November minutes awaiting approval. Angela will send electronic reminder to Board.
- Membership Report:** 104 members, 54 Yahoo!Group members. One new member added to membership directory. Karen submitted hard copy for file.
- Financial:** Current balance: \$1033.58. Check for MCM cashed for \$1496.88.
- Communication Report:** The Berlin representative from MRC who currently works with Berlin Tahanto students* reached out. She would like to come to a SEPAC meeting to discuss services and answer questions. Board is interested, and Angela will be primary contact. Anticipated meeting date is April 25th. Hard copy of email submitted for file. **Boylston has an MRC representative that works with Boylston Tahanto students.*
- PR Report:** September/October minutes posted to website. Scholarships link ready – Karen will upload in January with PR. December meeting PR out. NISW and Events flyers crafted and updated. Booked Tahanto Library for stress relief workshop in May.
- Karen Molnar PPS:** New Superintendent begins January 1st. Cheryl Nelson will retire as District Secretary in January as well, then and Kristi Turgeon, Tahanto's current Guidance Secretary, will move into the role. Cheryl has offered to help the transition if needed.

ADHD App – There has been no correspondence yet. The App would be a used on a trial basis, covered by medical insurance, for children /families within the district. Karen M. will keep us updated.

OLD business:

NISW: This year's theme was: "Stand Up – Sit Tall for Inclusion." Dee Gardner's ELA class submitted projects and are on display at Tahanto. From BES, Ms. Keane's entire class submitted Inclusion posters. There were three other independent submissions from BES Students. Angela will craft and submit certificate for review and approval. Certificates will be printed and entries will be hung at Central Office after January 1st.

FCSN Presentation with WB:

We have not received response yet. Since WB usually schedules their presentations earlier in the month, we could still participate if they decided to go forward and we will contact the Berlin MRC rep to try to schedule her for the April 25th meeting, in Berlin.

Lyman Pie Fundraiser:

Kerry will have final numbers next meeting.

Stress Relief Workshop:

May Presentation at Tahanto. Goal is to teach parents and caregivers techniques for stress relief. Demonstration include: meditation, yoga, aromatherapy, Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT), lymphatic drainage, and massage. Room reserved by Karen G. Karen will draft flyer in March. Rochelle will reach out to Millbury Yoga. Kerry L. will bring copies for participants of the "101 Stress Relief" techniques. Discussion about whether to invite Tahanto guidance to present or participate; since there is a lot of material already, we will invite to participate.

Youth Mental Health Workshop:

Rochelle has information and will send to the Board for review.

New Business:

SEPAC Scholarship:

Karen will begin process in January.

Basic Rights Presentation:

Karen Molnar will present a PowerPoint presentation at Berlin in January.

Excellent Educator Awards:

Kerry will Chair. Preparations will begin next month. Jessica M. volunteered to present at Tahanto and Berlin and Rochelle and/or Angela will present at Boylston.

WBAC:

Angela was not able to appear for December. February will be the next appearance.

School Meeting Reports:

BMS School Council: No SpEd issues to report

BES School Council: Meeting cancelled due to illness.

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

Boylston PTO: No SpEd issues to report

m/s/p to adjourn 7:56 p.m.

Meeting adjourned



Approved:

Electronic approvals on file.

_____ **Rochelle Peret, Co-President**

_____ **Jessica Meltzer, Co-President**

_____ **Karen Groccia, Vice President**

_____ **Kerry Lavallee, Treasurer**

_____ **Angela Allred, Secretary**