



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

SEPAC Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 28, 2018 Tahanto Regional Middle/High School

In attendance: Angela Allred, Karen Molnar, Kerry Lavallee, Cheryl Gatto, Mel Martinez, Karen Groccia, Jess Meltzer (via Skype), Monica April, Laura Sharpe, Karen Perry, Rochelle Peret, Esther Rhatigan, Molly Martinez

**7:04 Presentation: Suspension and Discipline by FCSN
Handout on file.**

8:56 General Meeting

Minutes - February minutes approved. Angela will send Karen .PDF files to post to web. Add Karen Molnar to draft recipients.

Membership- Angela Allred - Two new members. 108 members in Directory, 54 Y!Group members and 70 Facebook members.

Financial Report-Kerry Lavallee - current balance is \$1033.96. Must pay \$150 to FCSN for today's presentation. Hold until invoice received.

Communications- Facebook requests have been filtered. SPEDMASS.com has advertised tonight's meeting.

Public Relations-Karen Groccia - March meeting PR news sent to media outlets. Found the contact person at the Telegram who will hopefully continue to post meetings in the calendar (they did it TWICE in March!) Survey results posted online. Excellent Educator flyer approved. Karen still needs certificate template from Kerry. Flyer will be posted online. MRC pamphlet approved and will post April 6th. Scholarship - Karen Molnar will get applications directly as she has a Google address now. Member letter prepped and Michelle at Central will send out with SPED mailings. Mooyah Fundraiser flyer drafted. Approved tonight by board. Event is May 17th and Jess will find out if "E" version is acceptable. Karen needs details of Stress Relief Workshop for crafting the flyer. Awaiting Rochelle and Jess's input.

Pupil Personnel Services-Karen Molnar - DESE results indicated our SEPAC hasn't had input on new programs. Otherwise, the school has passed with flying colors.

Old Business

Youth Mental Health First Aid - Tabled. Still working on a timetable. Survey yielded no feedback, Carol Costello just ran a workshop for the staff and teachers.

Excellent Educator - Kerry Lavalley - Flyer approved. Kerry will send certificate template to Karen. Rough timeline given. Flyers will be mailed from Central Office in March. Deadline for submissions is April 27th. Delivery May 7th to 11th: Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mass Rehab Coalition (MRC) - Angela Allred - Presentation will be April 25th in Berlin. Karen will create PR to go out April 6th for news/printed media and April 13th for Facebook, electronic media. Jamie Morrissey, MRC Rep, is ready to go.

Scholarship - No entries received. Reminder to go out after April vacation.

WBAC - did not attend

Mooyah Fundraiser - Jess Meltzer - May 17th (4-9pm) Flyer has been drafted and approved.

New Business

Light it Up Blue for Autism Gazebo Lighting - SEPAC was offered the opportunity to participate in the lighting of the Gazebo on Town Common in Boylston to recognize Autism. This event is to happen in April throughout many towns. SEPAC Board discussed and concluded we would not have a representative on site at that time. A formal response will be drafted for the inquiring party.

NISW - Idea for next year to incorporate the Bridge at Tahanto into Community Awareness. Informal discussion on how to approach.

School Meeting Reports

BES School Council - Angela Allred - Budgeting for a SpEd teacher for next year.

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M/S/P to adjourn 10:08 p.m. Meeting adjourned.



Submitted by Angela Allred

Approved:

Electronic approvals on file.

____ **Rochelle Peret, Co-President**

____ **Jessica Meltzer, Co-President**

____ **Karen Groccia, Vice President**

____ **Kerry Lavallee, Treasurer**

____ **Angela Allred, Secretary**