



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

SEPAC Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 27, 2019 Meeting held via Zoom due to weather

In attendance: Karen Groccia, Kerry Lavallee, Rochelle Peret, Jessica Meltzer, Karen Molnar

Minutes recorded by Jessica Meltzer as Esther Rhatigan was unable to attend. Esther has put them into this minutes format.

General Meeting (7:06 pm)

Minutes: Esther Rhatigan

- N/A

Membership: Esther Rhatigan

- N/A

Financial Report: Kerry Lavallee

- Balance - \$774.23 including the Texas Roadhouse raffle money but not the money from the restaurant.
- **Action** - Rochelle will follow up on where the check is.

Communications: Rochelle Peret and Jessica Meltzer

- BMS Preschool teacher excited to learn more about SEPAC and joined the Facebook page.
 - She's excited to help link families in her classroom with us.

Public Relations: Karen Groccia

- Two applicants to scholarship already.
 - Hardcopy applications went to guidance at Tahanto and Assabet
- Clarifying meeting locations:
 - March – BMS
 - April – Tahanto
 - May – BMS
 - June – TBD
- Person Centered Planning Flyer
 - Two versions drafted and reviewed
- MRC Program is being changed
 - They help students figure out post high school paths but no longer offer job coaching
- Meeting info and scholarship info up on website

Pupil Personnel Services: Karen Molnar

- BES part-time Wilson teacher is retiring.

- o Another teacher is taking over and will become a full-time reading specialist.
- o No big SPED changes in proposed budget for next year
- Rochelle asked about Refresh Day for middle school
 - o All up and running there
 - o Went well for high school in the fall
- Karen Groccia noted Ex Ed materials for Karen Molnar will be out to her in March

Old Business:

Person Centered Planning

- Karen G – Will Esther be point person to meet speaker?
- Karen G will be there early to help with tech support.
- Rochelle – hasn't heard from West Boylston
- Karen G – can email them the flyer.
- **Action** - Rochelle will follow up with Esther on if she wants to be point person.

NISW

- Rochelle – still need pictures from Tahanto art projects.
 - o **Action** - She will try to grab some on Friday.
 - o Kerry – wondering if the picture the Stags PTO posted on FB is it. – 7th grade conversation hearts.
 - o Rochelle thinks it is.
- Dee G will be sending Rochelle video the HOPE Club did.
- **Action** - We will do a thank you note for teachers who helped lead projects
 - o Rochelle will take lead on this

Scholarship

- Karen M will be the school contact
- Karen G will be the person for them to contact if they have technical questions about how to apply.
- We are doing one \$300 scholarship.
- Graduation is June 2 at Tahanto.

Excellent Educator

- Flyer is still in progress.
- Will go to Karen M by end of March to mail out.
- Will also be available online.
- Sending out mailings seems to be best way to reach parents (Karen G).
- Teacher appreciation week May 6-10
- **Action** - Jess – take on reaching out to principals about being able to give the awards out during teacher appreciation week.

FCSN

- Rebecca Hall is all set to attend.

M/S/P to adjourn 7:45 pm. Meeting adjourned.



Submitted by Esther Rhatigan

Approved:

___ **Rochelle Peret, Co-President** ___ **Jessica Meltzer, Co-President**

___ **Karen Groccia, Vice President** KL **Kerry Lavallee, Treasurer**

___ **Esther Rhatigan, Secretary**