



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

SEPAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Multipurpose Room

In attendance: Kerry Lavalley, Rochelle Peret, Karen Molnar, Karen Groccia, Jessica Meltzer, Drew LeBlanc, Esther Rhatigan, Rebecca Hall

General Meeting (7:05pm)

General Meeting

Minutes – All from last year approved and posted.

Membership- Esther Rhatigan - about 98

Financial Report-Kerry Lavalley - \$594.84

- Add donate button using Venmo to Clinton Savings? Or Square?
- Needs investigation into Square fees

Communications-

- Email forwarding is showing issues
- Esther to send email passwords to board accounts so folks can check directly

Public Relations-Karen Groccia

- August blast
- Tahanto calendar
- Not in BES calendar or the Item
- Karen will look into whether emails got sent or are stuck in draft
- Scholarship winner submitted to the paper, but not picked up.
- Check if files can be shared through Google form for next year's scholarship
 - o Can have them sent to Karen Molnar directly or the scholarship email address
- Add uploading a picture for press coverage

Pupil Personnel Services-Karen Molnar

- Received a study
 - o Do we want to share with membership?
 - o Karen will send them to Esther to send to membership

Old Business

Election Results – Kerry Lavalley, Election Chair

- Rochelle, Karen, Esther - reelected
- Becky – new treasurer
 - o Becky and Kerry will work out the account swapping

Discussed conversation on Facebook showing parents' misunderstanding of school/SEPAC requirements

Open Houses at Berlin and Boylston and Tahanto

- Jess and Kerry did Berlin
 - o Sat at entrance
 - o Sold 2 pies
 - o Lots of samples and flyers provided
- Karen and James did BES
 - o 8 pies to one customer alone
 - o 7 more sold
- Tahanto open house 10/3 day and evening
 - o 12-2:30 and 6:30-8:30
 - o Kerry asked Kara Eckstrom
 - o Becky might be able to do the evening
 - o Karen will ask Michael to help Becky

Lyman Pie Fundraiser

- Folks can donate a pie to the Boylston and Berlin food banks
- Rochelle will change the email account used for Square
- Rochelle and Jessica will be handling sorting the pies when they arrive to BES

Email address change/updates

- Esther to work out forwarding and get passwords to appropriate folks

New Business

Representative Search for the BES School Council

- Will Kara Eckstrom be attending?
- Decision not to worry about councils this year

TEMPO reorganizing

Yearbook ad - go/no go

- 35, 65, 100, 200
- Kerry – Balance \$150 more than we usually have
 - o Can cover the scholarship and yearbook ad
- Voted for \$65 quarter page ad

MassPac Membership renewed

- Thank you, Karen M

Collaboration with other SEPACs?

- Too late for this year, Jess has learned about grants we can apply for next year through the Berlin cultural council
- Could sponsor a speaker and ask Berlin and Boylston councils to help
- Jess knows of some really cool speakers who discuss inclusion and such
 - o She'll send the link to the list she has
- Might be able to work with other SEPACs to get bigger draw speakers
 - o Either evening or for kids during the day
- Nothing heard from W.Boylston recently
- Is Clinton SEPAC active? No one is sure.
 - o Kerry found minutes from January 2019

- Karen M. would love to have someone talk about executive functioning
 - o Sarah Ward was mentioned
 - o Karen will send more info
- Jess will learn more and send info

School Meeting Reports – no reps

BES School Council

BMS School Council

BES PTO

LINK

Boylston/Regional School Committee

Tahanto PTO

M/S/P to adjourn 8:19pm. Meeting adjourned.



Submitted by Esther Rhatigan

Approved:

RP_Rochelle Peret, Co-President

__JM_Jessica Meltzer, Co-President

KG_Karen Groccia, Vice President

__RH__Rebecca Hall, Treasurer

ER_Esther Rhatigan, Secretary