



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

## Special Education Parent Advisory Council

### SEPAC Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 11, 2019 Berlin Memorial School – Library

**In attendance:** Karen Groccia, Karen Molnar, Jessica Meltzer, Rochelle Peret, Esther Rhatigan, Rebecca Hall

#### **General Meeting (7:20pm)**

##### **Minutes** - Esther Rhatigan

- November minutes to be put up for review
- October minutes approved and to be put on web site

##### **Membership** - Esther Rhatigan

- 86 – lost two in latest email round

##### **Financial Report**-Rebecca Hall

- \$1049.84 is our current balance

##### **Communications**

- Request for help with mental health research

##### **Public Relations**-Karen Groccia

- Meeting PR went out
- Might have gotten in The Item
- Tried updating web page, but had issues

##### **Pupil Personnel Services**-Karen Molnar

- Prelim budget submitted last night
  - Preschool move declined due to budget size
  - Boylston is 8th lowest school budget per student in the state
  - Bigger percentage of Tahanto
  - Fully pay for Assabet

#### **Old Business**

##### National Inclusive Schools Week

- Principals were fast to respond
  - All are on-board
- School board is aware
- Jessica – will get paper
- Esther – save boot and shoe boxes for hearts to be possibly used
- Karen – open to help craft imagery for boxes
- Rebecca's got a connection to the potential heart cutting machine
- Kickoff January 13th
- Start hanging them by the 20th

- Think about an image for closing the “Pathway to kindness”
  - You’re good enough. You’re smart enough. And gosh darn it...”
  - Possibly have mirrors
  - Thought for end of path: There is no end to the pathway. We all pave it every day.
    - What image would work with that!
    - Esther to create image
      - Perhaps showing a continuation of the wall’s path going into the distance with people, towns, cities, and mountains in the distance
    - Likely need image for the start the path too

End of Year Draft Report for review

- Reviewed document
- Made edits
- Rochelle will send for further review after some wordsmithing

EI “Graduation Card” welcoming them to SEPAC with contact info

- Reviewed
- Small edits
- Need envelopes
- Need to get card stock
  - Esther volunteered to print, as only 3-6 a year
    - Print 10 to start and add as Karen M. identifies need for more
  - Karen G. will get .pub file to Esther for printing and future editing

Karen G. updated scholarship form and Google form

- Google form allows for uploading file
- She’ll add uploading picture as well

## **New Business**

New day and/or time for meetings.

- Mondays at 6:30pm
- When to start?
  - Move Wednesdays to 6:30 for remainder of the year
  - M/S/P

## **School Meeting Reports**

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~~BES School Council~~  
~~BMS School Council~~  
~~BES PTO~~  
~~LINK~~  
~~Boylston/Regional School Committee~~  
~~Tahanto PTO~~

**Cookie Swap!!!!**

M/S/P to adjourn 8:27pm. Meeting adjourned.



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Submitted by Esther Rhatigan

Approved:

\_\_\_\_ **Rochelle Peret, Co-President**

\_\_\_\_ **Jessica Meltzer, Co-President**

\_\_\_\_ **Karen Groccia, Vice President**

\_\_\_\_ **Rebecca Hall, Treasurer**

**ER\_ Esther Rhatigan, Secretary**