Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 10, 2015 7:00PM

Meeting Place: Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Multi-Purpose Room

In attendance: Karen Groccia, Christina Stille, Rochelle Peret, Karen Molnar, Ligia Turnquist, Angela Allred, Karen Molnar

Membership: Rochelle Peret

91 members, 48 Yahoo! Group members.

Financial: Current balance: $562.03

Lori Michalak

Communications: We received an email from EducatorLabs regarding Autism resources to add to our website. We also received an email from The Cerebral Palsy Guide asking to be added to our resources link on our website.

PR Report: The Excellent Educator Awards and Scholarship Notice Press Releases are in process. Karen has drafted a letter requesting for help outreaching to other special education parents in the district.

PPS: Nothing really special-ed related.

Karen Molnar

Executive Board We discussed what would happen if there was no further interest in others joining the E-Board. Currently all of the SEPAC executive board positions are available: Berlin Co-President, Boylston Co-President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Karen Groccia and Rochelle Peret are the only two current E-board members who will be eligible to hold a position next year, and we haven’t heard from anyone else who is interested at this point. Karen drafted a letter which will be sent out explaining the situation to all parents whose children currently receive special education services in the district. Essentially if nobody else steps forward we will have a much “lighter” version of SEPAC and not being able to do as much in the schools.

Karen Groccia

Aides and Para Substitutes: We were going to put together a template to present to the schools regarding substitutes for aides and paraprofessionals, but Lori could not make it tonight. We have tabled the discussion for a future meeting.

Lyman Pies Ligia Turnquist Delivery date is October 29, Parent-Teacher Conference day at BES. Berlin’s conferences are earlier, so we are only going to have one pickup location.
**Parent Survey**  Tabling until next meeting. The 2007 copy was passed about; unsure whether we would want to use the same questions, or if so much has changed.

**School Meeting Reports:**

- **BES School Council:** No more meetings for this school year.
- **Regional School Committee:** Thanked SEPAC for our service
- **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
Meeting adjourned 8:17pm

Approved:  
Electronic approvals on file.

_____ Christi Stille, Co-President  
_____ Karen Groccia, Vice President

_____ Lori Michalak, Treasurer  
_____ Rochelle Peret, Secretary

Submitted by:

Rochelle Peret, Secretary