SEPAC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Tahanto High School, Boylston

In attendance: James Groccia, Karen Groccia, Lisa Sequiera, Jay Groccia, Kerry Lavallee, Rochelle Peret, Jessica Meltzer, Karen Molnar, Esther Rhatigan

Meeting/Presentation Start (7:10pm)

- James Groccia spoke about ski experiences with Special Olympics
- Jay Groccia spoke on coaching for Special Olympics
- “Let me win. But if I can not win, let me be brave in the attempt.” – Special Olympics motto
- Special Olympics and the Nashoba Shooting Stars are always looking for volunteers to help with training and events:
  - Facebook -> Nashoba Shooting Stars
  - Shooting Stars has a deaf skier who could use a trainer that signs.

General Meeting (7:55pm)

Minutes: Esther Rhatigan
- Approvals and file edits have created duplicate files with the same name, which can be confusing
- Approvals will now be by email

Membership: Esther Rhatigan
- Not organized yet

Financial Report: Kerry Lavallee
- A few hundred in gift card sales
- $789.25 = current balance

Communications: Rochelle Peret
- Emails noted and filed – none memorable
  - Meetings for rest of year will be added to district calendar
  - A female high school student is looking for social skills groups
    - Lisa Sequiera mentioned a young ladies group she runs

Public Relations: Karen Groccia
- Yearbook ad reviewed
- Will be submitted then Karen will seek funds from Kerry
- March 27th meeting moved to Tahanto for PCP
  - West Boylston may be pairing with us
- PR for October out
- Not picked up by the Item this time
- Not on board at 140/70
- Flyers for fundraiser at schools
  - Looking to get them into the electronic folders
- Karen needs Kerry’s help getting Matt’s help for email address changes

**Pupil Personnel Services:** Karen Molnar
- Nothing big
- Budget season starting
- Bridges up and running
- Trying to develop survey for parents
  - Reviewed
  - Will try sending out through Facebook and email
  - Lisa Sequeira suggested getting onto PTO email blasts

**Old Business:** Rochelle Peret

**Fund Raiser –**
- Who’s keeping track of orders?
- Rochelle has the folder
- Kerry gets emails when folks order
- End date 11/30/18
- Kerry will track online orders
- Rochelle will track paper orders
- All will be merged later
- Once sales are over, Rochelle will place the order with Texas Road House
- Best Buddies is also running a Texas Road House fundraiser
- Total sales at the moment - $400 at open houses - $100 online
- Karen will send flyer electronically to Tahanto
- Lisa S. suggested getting onto the sidebars of the Tahanto website – parents go there more than district page
  - Jane or Sue should be able to help
  - Diane can get on sandwich board

**PCP –**
- Going ahead whether W.Boylston is in or not
- Joint meeting if they want in
- Send link to PCP Facebook page
- Karen G. will need Cheryl’s bio eventually
New Business: Jessica Meltzer

NISW –
- National Inclusive Schools Week
- Angela has done, but not being expected to this year
- Rochelle willing to do something
  - Approach art teachers
  - Need to see if the schools are open to the idea of developing and displaying projects around Valentine’s Day
  - Must include HOPE club
- This year’s theme is kaleidoscope of friends

Preschool information night –
- Esther covering
- Karen G. noting to ask about kindergarten information night in spring

School Meeting Reports
- Rochelle did not reach out to Kara Ekstrom yet

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Boylston/Regional School Committee
Tahanto PTO

M/S/P to adjourn 9:59 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Esther Rhatigan

Approved:

_RP_Rochelle Peret, Co-President          _JM_JM_Jessica Meltzer, Co-President
_KG_Karen Groccia, Vice President          _KL_Kerry Lavallee, Treasurer
_ER_Esther Rhatigan, Secretary