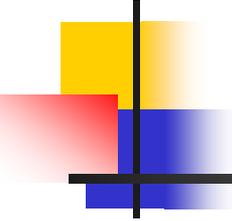


Fall Presentation to School Committee 2008-2009 School Year

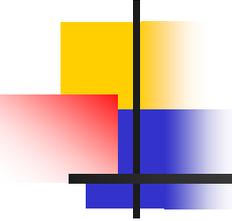
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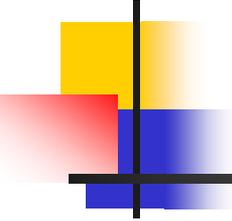
AB SpEd PAC Officers

- Co-Chairs: Nancy Sherburne & Terry Lindgren
- Treasurer: Bill Guthlein
- Secretary: Valerie Ryan
- Past PAC Chair: Stephen Lowe



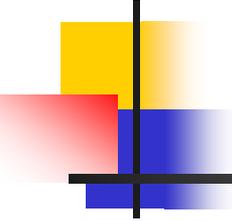
2008-2009 PAC Goals

- Begin to implement new School Committee Policy & Procedure
- Provide services to the community
- Develop a stronger relationship between PAC & Pupil Services
- Apply current technology to more steps in the IEP Development Process
- Issues to study



Begin to Implement New SC Policy & Procedure

- First quarterly meeting between Pupil Services and PAC Board set for the first week of December to discuss existing special education programs in district
- We want to thank Liza Huber and her staff for helping us to begin this process



School Committee Procedure

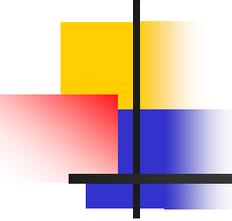
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- School Committee may appoint one or more of its members as liaisons to the SpEd PAC
- SpEd PAC will be invited to present to the School Committee two times a year
- Director of Pupil Services and SpEd PAC Chair will meet quarterly to discuss planning, development and evaluation of the district's special education programs

Service to the Community

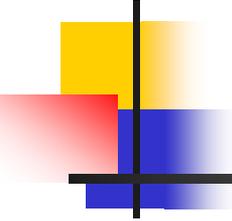
- Lynne Deutsch was a tireless champion for children with special needs and past PAC Chair who tragically passed away several years ago
- The PAC & Pupil Services donated 91 books on a wide variety of special education topics to the Acton Memorial Library in Lynne's memory. The PAC also collected and donated \$570 to purchase additional special education DVD and book collections





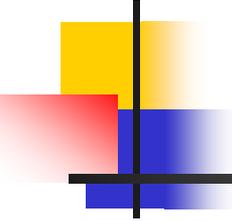
Service to the Community (cont'd)

- Will complete Special Education Parent Handbook with plans to distribute for 2009-2010 school year
 - This handbook will be similar to the parent handbooks families receive from the school their child attends, but focused on special education topics.
- With Pupil Services will co-sponsor nationally acclaimed speaker on bullying prevention, Nancy Mullin, in March 2009. Ms. Mullin was the Director of the Project on Teasing and Bulling and coordinated the Massachusetts Bullying Prevention Project.



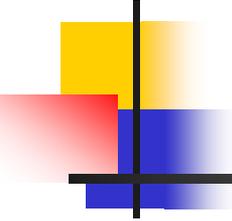
Developing Stronger Relationship Between PAC & Pupil Services

- Co-hosted Special Education Family Picnic & 2nd Annual Parent Workshop and will co-host Bullying Prevention speaker, Nancy Mullin
- We want to thank Liza Huber and her staff for the positive, productive dialogue and collabor-ative problem solving around preschool parents' ABA Program concerns at both our Nov. 13th and Nov. 18th meetings
 - We see this as a model for solving future concerns



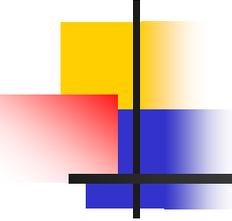
Technology

- Apply our current technology to more steps in the IEP Development Process (Use of ESPED & laptops in IEP meetings)
 - To expedite IEP development
 - To minimize errors and misunderstandings
 - To reduce staff time spent on meetings and document revisions related to IEP development
- Note: Consultants from ESPED provided instruction to staff on the software's capabilities during Nov. 4th Professional Development day



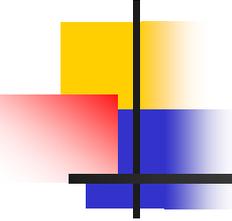
Issues to Study

- Conduct a more detailed parent survey as a follow-on to Pupil Services' 2007 survey
- Better understand what good mainstreaming is and how to educate the public
 - Presentation in Framingham tonight titled "Inclusion: Getting it Right"
- Research bullying and work with other organizations like CAFY to further bullying prevention in the district
 - Excited about current initiatives in the district
 - See addendums related to bullying resources/tips



Thank You

- For the work the School Committee did last year that's allowing us to work together more closely this year
- For the opportunity to share our plans tonight
- Special thanks to Heather Harer, the Superintendent Search Committee chair, for reaching out to the PAC to conduct a focus group with special education parents on Dec. 10th
 - PAC Officers met informally and discussed superintendent qualities, which we will forward on at a later date



Addendum

- Special education family picnic flyer
- Special education parent workshop flyer
- Beacon press release re: library donation
- Facts about Teasing and Bullying
- Excerpts from “Direct From the Field: A Guide to Bullying Prevention”