



Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council (AB SpEd PAC)

Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 25th, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of September 24, 2014, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Director of Pupil Services Finalist Community Forum
- B. Parent Letter Regarding Pupil Services Director Search Process
- C. Updates from Quarterly Meeting with Pupil Services
- D. Superintendent's Community Forum
- E. League of Women Voter Forum - School Committee Candidates
- F. Federation for Children with Special Needs Advancing Parent Professional Leadership in Education (APPLE) Institute
- G. Letter to the Superintendent RE: the Role of the AB SpEd PAC
- H. 2014-15 Parent/Guardian Survey Update
- I. Dr. Jeff Bostic Presentation on Mental Health April 7th in RJ Grey auditorium at 7 p.m.
- J. Parenting Challenging Children Meeting April 14th at Concord's Fowler Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
- K. Updates on Other Goals & Priorities for 2014-15

IV. New Business – Other topics on people's minds

V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4th and 7th grade ELA performance for students with disabilities is weak
- B. Futures Education findings re: student to assistant ratios high by peer standards
- C. Concerns about the process for combining outside specialists' recommendations with district evaluations/recommendations and appropriately incorporating those recommendations into the IEP
- D. Mandatory special education training/professional development for regular and special education staff – hiring dual-certified staff
- E. Enhanced summer school and after school/extracurricular programming
- F. Increased use of technology in IEP development/revision process
- G. Changes to School Committee procedures regarding the PAC

VI. Adjournment

All AB SpEd PAC meetings are open to the public. We encourage parents of children with special needs and others interested in special education to attend. Please check our website (www.abspedpac.org) for information regarding upcoming events.

This meeting will be followed immediately by a brief Friends of AB SpEd PAC meeting.