



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

Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 15th, 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. Update on Pupil Services Director Search
- B. Quarterly Meeting with Pupil Services
- C. Federation for Children with Special Needs Advancing Parent Professional Leadership in Education (APPLE) Institute
- D. Acton Town Meeting & School Committee Election Results
- E. Parenting Challenging Children Meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> at Concord's Fowler Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
- F. Dr. Jeff Bostic Presentation on Mental Health June 2<sup>nd</sup> in RJ Grey auditorium at 7 p.m.
- G. Updates on Other Goals & Priorities for 2014-15

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

### V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.abspedpac.org)) for information regarding upcoming events.*

### VII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library