



Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council

(AB SpEd PAC)

Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 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 February 25, 2015, May 27, 2015, and June 10, 2015, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Seek Candidates and Elect New Secretary and Standing Committee Chair
- B. Organizational Goals for 2015-2016
 1. Federation for Children with Special Needs Advancing Parent Professional Leadership in Education (APPLE) Plan Follow Up
 2. Increase Diversity – Partnership with English Language Learner Community RE: Translation of Documents, Broaden Disability Outreach
 3. Update Resources on PAC Site
 4. Update Special Education Handbook
 5. Publish 2015 Parent/Guardian Survey Report, Population Trends Update, & MCAS Analysis
- C. 2015 Parent/Guardian Survey Update
- D. Superintendent's Student Learning Performance Goal for the Year
- E. Federation for Children with Special Needs Basic Rights Workshop with Pupil Services, Maynard & Sudbury SEPACs 7-9 p.m. November 2nd in RJ Grey Library
- F. Next Parenting Challenging Children Meeting November 4th at Concord's Fowler Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
- G. Dan Perlman at November 18th PAC Meeting on Special Education Updates with Q&A

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.

VII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library