



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

Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 16th, 2015, at 8:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

Please note our annual holiday party will precede this meeting.

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of November 18, 2015, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Welcome to Superintendent Glenn Brand
- B. Preliminary Budget Items
 - Proposed Pathways Program for K-3 Students with Autism
 - Bringing Down Learning Center Caseloads
 - Increased Psychologist Support
- C. Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Search Update
- D. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Special Education Director
- E. Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Decision RE: Public Review of Private Settlement Agreements (Michael Champa vs. Weston Public Schools & Others)
- F. Parenting Support Hour Schedule for 2016
- G. Expanding Extracurricular Opportunities and Access to Community Ed
 - Volunteers Sought for Subcommittee to Research Existing Resources

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

V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4th 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

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

Business meeting Wednesday, January 13th, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library