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](http://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