



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

Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 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 10, 2016, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Director of Special Education
- B. New Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
- C. Search for New Director of Special Education & Qualities Desired
- D. Update from Federation for Children with Special Needs Visions of Community Conference
 - Decoding Dyslexia Advocacy Tips
 - Board of Special Education Appeals Legal Updates
- E. Obtaining Information about Certified Staff in Buildings (Orton-Gillingham, Etc.)
- F. Advisory to Families about Services Listed Under Additional Information in Individualized Education Programs
- G. Next Parenting Support Hour 10:30 a.m. April 6th at the Acton Memorial Library

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, April 13, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

Please note this meeting will be followed by a Friends of AB SpEd PAC meeting.