



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

Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 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 November 19, 2016, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Presentation by Secondary Transition (Ages 14-22) Specialist Kate Sullivan
- B. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Special Education Director
- C. FY 2018 Budget Proposals
- D. Extended School Year Clarification RE: Qualifying, Policy, & Procedures
- E. Speaker & Support Group Schedule
 - 1. Next Support Group Meeting Saturday, February 4, from 1-3 p.m. at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Acton
 - 2. Basic Rights in Special Education Workshop Tuesday, February 7, from 7-9 p.m. at the Fowler School Library, 3 Tiger Drive, Maynard

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

V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 3rd & 4th grade ELA performance vulnerable for students with disabilities
- B. Concerns about the process for combining outside specialists' recommendations with district evaluations/recommendations and appropriately incorporating those recommendations into the IEP
- C. Mandatory special education training/professional development for regular and special education staff – hiring dual-certified staff
- D. Enhanced Extended School Year, before-, and after-school programming
- E. Increased use of technology in IEP development, revision, & communication
- F. Out of District findings from 2015 parent/guardian survey counter overall positive trend
- G. Need for consistent K-12 executive functioning curriculum

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, February 15, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library