



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

Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parker Damon Building Library

## Agenda

### I. Call to Order

### II. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of March 8, 2017, meeting minutes

### III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Special Education Director
- B. Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District Ruling & Massachusetts
- C. District School Building Plan Feedback Sought—Online Option
- D. April Release for Survey Highlighting Extended School Year
- E. Volunteer Opportunities: Site Updates, Outreach, Event Planning
- F. Speaker & Support Group Schedule
  - 1. Basic Rights in Special Education Workshop Wednesday, May 3, from 7-8:45 p.m. in the Fowler School Library, Maynard
  - 2. Next Support Group Meeting Saturday, May 6, from 1-3 p.m. at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Acton
  - 3. Presentations about Mental Health & the IEP, Transition, Resilience

### IV. New Business – Other topics on people’s minds

### V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.abspedpac.org)) for information regarding upcoming events.*

### VII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High Library