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