



Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 7:30 pm

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
Review and approval of Feb. 2014 meeting minutes
- III. Organization/Business Issues
 - A. Upcoming presentations & meetings
 - April 9, 2014 (7:30 pm)– Next AB SpEd PAC meeting in Junior High Library
 - May 5, 2014 (7:00 pm) – Cyber Safety presentation at Maynard High School
 - May 27, 2014 (7:00 pm) – Children’s Mental Health presentation by Dr. Jeff Bostic in the Junior High Library
 - B. 2015 Budget Concerns
 - Letter to Superintendent and School Committee
 - Letter to Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen
 - C. Request for new district procedures to enhance communication between regular and special education staff
 - Require all teachers to sign off on student Independent Education Programs (IEPs) within 5 days of receiving signed IEP and prior to the start of each school year to ensure all staff are working to the current educational plan.
 - Ensure professional development is open to all staff. Invite education assistants to participate in all reading and math workshops with teachers and provide opportunities for outside training in special education
- IV. New Business – Other topics on people’s minds
- V. Open Issues
 - A. MCAS – 4th and 7th grade ELA performance for students with disabilities is weak
 - B. Futures Education findings that our student to assistant ratios are 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.apsedpac.org for current information regarding upcoming events.