



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 20, 2017

Meeting Place: Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Multipurpose Room

In attendance: Angela Allred, Rochelle Peret, Kerry Lavalley, Karen Groccia, Karen Molnar, John Campbell, Laura Williamson, Paula Melville, Linda Checola, Mollee Langelier, Barb Zaleski, Kathy Derderian, Elizabeth Trudeau, Eileen MacQueen, Lauren Jasukonis, Carol Costello, John Campbell, Jennifer Rickard, Kim Trainor, Karen Perry, Kerry Syed, Christi Stille, Oscar Toro

7:00pm Meet the Experts

General meeting called to order at 8:16pm

Minutes: Karen will collect minutes from Angela and post to Google Docs any that aren't already posted.

Membership Report: 98 members, 54 YahooGroup! members. One new member to be added.

Financial: Current balance: \$463.58. Scholarship check has yet to be cashed by recipient. Monies are coming in for Pie Sales.

PR Report: Google calendar out. Agenda templates set-up on Google. Edits made to committee flyer. Edits to Events Flyer done. Secured rooms for all meetings. To Do: Push Pie Sales for this month on Facebook.

Communication Report: No communications this month.

Karen Molnar PPS: Superintendent search through MASC ongoing. Judy Vaillancourt is part time Sped Director at BES and BMS

OLD business:

Election: All positions have been re-elected: Berlin Co-President – Jess Meltzer,

Christi Stille Vice President – Karen Groccia, Treasurer – Kerry Lavallee, Secretary – Angela Allred

Open House: BMS Open House was attended by Jess and Angela. Pie sales were 26. **BES Open House was attended by Karen and Rochelle.** Pie sales were 20. Tahanto Open House will be attended by Karen and Kerry in the afternoon. Kerry will bring single bills for the event. Angela will clean the banner and deliver to Karen. Jay and Angela will attend in the evening session.

Lyman Pie Fundraiser:
Board agreed to have fundraiser every other year.

NEW Business:

Representative Search for BES School Council:

SEPAC Board members are unable to participate this year. Christi suggested getting details from Ace and posting on Digital Media for interest. Rochelle will gather further details from Ace. We also discussed that we do not have a SEPAC rep at BMS - John Campbell has put out a call but there has been no interest.

Texas Roadhouse future fundraiser:

Karen and Rochelle attended the information session. They agree it's a worthwhile fundraiser for SEPAC. There is a "Dine-In Night" and the option to have baskets and raffles as well. Most legwork is done by Texas Roadhouse. We are looking at Fall 2018 for our timeline.

November Presentation – Mollee Langelier, SLP:

Karen will work to get information for flyers and additional details.

Yearbook AD: M/S/P to have a ¼ page yearbook AD for Tahanto for \$65. Karen has drafted AD. She will submit AD details to Katie at Tahanto Yearbook Staff. Kerry will send check.

Other:

- MASSPAC Membership needs attention. Karen Molnar will let us know when grant is approved. It is late this year.
- April Presentation Ideas: Susan Norton is a great advocate and may have information worth sharing. Laura Williamson shared her experience with Transitioning for 3-year old's. She may be willing to present some information for parents. The Lipton Center provides services for Early Intervention in Berlin.

School Meeting Reports:

BMS School Council: No SpEd issues to report

BES School Council: No SpEd issues to report

Regional School Committee:

BMS School Committee: No SpEd issues to report

BES School Committee: No SpEd issues to report

Tahanto STAAGS PTO: No SpEd issues to report. Idea for Field Day at Tahanto – “quite rooms” were brought up. How can SEPAC help?

Berlin LINK: No SpEd issues to report

Boylston PTO: No SpEd issues to report

m/s/p to adjourn 9:35 p.m.

Meeting adjourned



Approved:

Electronic approvals on file.

_____ **Rochelle Peret, Co-President**

_____ **Jessica Meltzer, Co-President**

_____ **Karen Groccia, Vice President**

_____ **Kerry Lavalley, Treasurer**

_____ **Angela Allred, Secretary**