



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools  
**S**pecial **E**ducation **P**arent **A**dvisory **C**ouncil  
Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 15, 2017

**Meeting Place:** Berlin Memorial School Library

**In attendance:** Angela Allred, Rochelle Peret, Kerry Lavallee, Karen Groccia, Karen Molnar, Jessica Meltzer

General meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

**Minutes:** October minutes approved and shared to Google Docs. Karen will post to website.  
Angela Allred

**Membership Report:** 103 members, 54 YahooGroup! members. No new members have responded to Yahoo!Group. They have been invited twice  
Angela Allred  
**Financial Report:** Current balance: \$2595.25. Final check to MCM Fundraising will be \$1496.88.  
Kerry Lavallee

**PR Report:** Lions Club meeting notice did not display and communications were different than last month. Karen will follow up with Lions. Pie Sale information removed from website. Karen modified SEPAC brochures and presented to board for review. Additional changes will be made. Events page was revise – April meeting will be a general meeting. Karen needs to confirm Tahanto media room for May. Google Scholarship application was drafted and presented to board for review. Paper or Online applications will be accepted. Karen sent Esther preschool presentation for Esther to deliver November 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Karen Groccia

**Communication Report:** Communications will be “offered on Facebook when appropriate” will be the automatic response for solicitors. Diane Tucceri sent a Chipotle fundraiser flyer for Tahanto Jess Meltzer is still communicating with Mooyah.

**Karen Molnar PPS:** Jeffrey Zanghi start date is January. Karen will follow up on the new ADHD App trial.

## OLD business:

### FCSN workshop w/West Boylston:

**Rochelle** Lisa has not yet responded to confirm time and location. Suspension and Discipline in Special Education was voted to be held in March. Rochelle will confirm with Lisa Thompson.

### Youth Mental Health First Aid:

**(Presentation) Rochelle** Rochelle will send the pamphlet to the Board. The presentation needs 10 people over an 8 hour period . Board voted to survey SEPAC members and other towns for preferred days and times. We will forward information to Karen Molnar.

**BMS School Council:** No interest yet.

**WBAC:** Angela will appear and cover National Inclusive Schools Week, Youth Mental Health Survey and Holiday Cookie Swap.

**SLP Presentation:** We will keep in touch with Mollee. Presentation will likely be in the spring.  
**Karen Groccia**

### NISW:

**Angela**

#### **Stand Up , Sit Tall for Inclusion December 4-8,2017**

Karen drafted awesome flyer. Angela printed and distributed flyers to Tahanto preschool, BES and BMS. We will contact Dee Gardner directly and forward flyer to her. Electronic files will be sent to the elementary schools and Tahanto for websites. Certificates will be drafted by Angela. Rochelle will gather entries from BES on Fridays and Jess will gather responses from BMS on November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Angela presented the idea of incorporating the Understanding Our Differences Curriculum at a future presentation or to the Fourth graders in conjunction with NISW next year. Board agreed to hear more information about it. Angela will keep in contact with Marasku and gather further details.

### School Meeting Reports:

**BMS School Council:** No representative available

**BES School Council:** SpEd related topics included need for additional SpEd teacher and paraprofessionals to accommodate incoming students. Student safety is a concern and a fence will be a priority budget wise.

**Regional School Committee:** No representative available

**BMS School Committee:** No representative available

**BES School Committee:** No SpEd issues to report.

**Tahanto STAAGS PTO:** No SpEd issues to report.

**Berlin LINK:** No SpEd issues to report

**Boylston PTO:** No SpEd issues to report

m/s/p to adjourn 8:36 p.m.

Meeting adjourned



**Approved:**

*Electronic approvals on file.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rochelle Peret, Co-President**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jessica Meltzer, Co-President**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Karen Groccia, Vice President**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kerry Lavallee, Treasurer**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Angela Allred, Secretary**