



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

SEPAC Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 24, 2018 Tahanto High School, Boylston

In attendance: James Groccia, Karen Groccia, Lisa Sequiera, Jay Groccia, Kerry Lavallee, Rochelle Peret, Jessica Meltzer, Karen Molnar, Esther Rhatigan

Meeting/Presentation Start (7:10pm)

- James Groccia spoke about ski experiences with Special Olympics
- Jay Groccia spoke on coaching for Special Olympics
- “Let me win. But if I can not win, let me be brave in the attempt.” – Special Olympics motto
- Special Olympics and the Nashoba Shooting Stars are always looking for volunteers to help with training and events:
- <https://bit.ly/2D1d9VE> <- abbreviated link
- Facebook -> Nashoba Shooting Stars
- Shooting Stars has a deaf skier who could use a trainer that signs.

General Meeting (7:55pm)

Minutes: Esther Rhatigan

- Approvals and file edits have created duplicate files with the same name, which can be confusing
- Approvals will now be by email

Membership: Esther Rhatigan

- Not organized yet

Financial Report: Kerry Lavallee

- A few hundred in gift card sales
- \$789.25 = current balance

Communications: Rochelle Peret

- Emails noted and filed – none memorable
- Meetings for rest of year will be added to district calendar
- A female high school student is looking for social skills groups
 - Lisa Sequiera mentioned a young ladies group she runs

Public Relations: Karen Groccia

- Yearbook ad reviewed

- Will be submitted then Karen will seek funds from Kerry
- March 27th meeting moved to Tahanto for PCP
 - o West Boylston may be pairing with us
- PR for October out
- Not picked up by the Item this time
- Not on board at 140/70
- Flyers for fundraiser at schools
 - o Looking to get them into the electronic folders
- Karen needs Kerry's help getting Matt's help for email address changes

Pupil Personnel Services: Karen Molnar

- Nothing big
- Budget season starting
- Bridges up and running
- Trying to develop survey for parents
 - o Reviewed
 - o Will try sending out through Facebook and email
 - o Lisa Sequeira suggested getting onto PTO email blasts

Old Business: Rochelle Peret

Fund Raiser –

- Who's keeping track of orders?
- Rochelle has the folder
- Kerry gets emails when folks order
- End date 11/30/18
- Kerry will track online orders
- Rochelle will track paper orders
- All will be merged later
- Once sales are over, Rochelle will place the order with Texas Road House
- Best Buddies is also running a Texas Road House fundraiser
- Total sales at the moment - \$400 at open houses - \$100 online
- Karen will send flyer electronically to Tahanto
- Lisa S. suggested getting onto the sidebars of the Tahanto website – parents go there more than district page
 - o Jane or Sue should be able to help
 - o Diane can get on sandwich board

PCP –

- Going ahead whether W.Boylston is in or not
- Joint meeting if they want in
- Send link to PCP Facebook page
- Karen G. will need Cheryl's bio eventually

New Business: Jessica Meltzer

NISW –

- National Inclusive Schools Week
- Angela has done, but not being expected to this year
- Rochelle willing to do something
 - o Approach art teachers
 - o Need to see if the schools are open to the idea of developing and displaying projects around Valentine's Day
 - o Must include HOPE club
- This year's theme is kaleidoscope of friends

Preschool information night –

- Esther covering
- Karen G. noting to ask about kindergarten information night in spring

School Meeting Reports

- Rochelle did not reach out to Kara Ekstrom yet

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BES PTO

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Boylston/Regional School Committee

Tahanto PTO

M/S/P to adjourn 9:59 p.m. Meeting adjourned.



Submitted by Esther Rhatigan

Approved:

RP Rochelle Peret, Co-President

JM JM Jessica Meltzer, Co-President

KG Karen Groccia, Vice President

KL Kerry Lavallee, Treasurer

ER Esther Rhatigan, Secretary