



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

- Date:** February 26, 2014 7:17pm
- Meeting Place:** Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Multi-Purpose Room
- In attendance:** Karen Groccia, Lori Michalak, Christina Stille, Rochelle Peret
- Membership:** 92 members, 50 Yahoo! Group members. Christi removed a bunch of duplicate entries from the group. Invite people you know, post on the Boylston Area Facebook page inviting new members. Does Berlin have a Facebook page?
Rochelle Peret
- Financial:** Current balance is \$1,819.20. Submitted receipts for gift card to reimburse Karen Groccia for thank you gift for website design. Karen will submit proof of purchase of the gift cards Katherine Ryan, who designed our new website for reimbursement.
Lori Michalak
- Communications:** Upcoming Northborough SPAC meeting-3/20
Our next SEPAC moved March meeting to 3/19
Coffee Chat with Nadine Ekstrom on 3/25 at 6PM
Central MA PARCC info night 3/26 at Tahanto
- PR Report:** February PR showed up at Berlin website, Tahanto website, meeting announcement picked up by BES and Tahanto websites. Will be meeting with John Campbell to see why BMS isn't posting SEPAC stuff.
Karen Groccia Discussion over privacy/who to invite to an *Open* SEPAC Facebook group.
- Kindergarten Orientation Night** Angela Allred presented at the February 4th orientation handed out SEPAC flyers and left some more. BMS' Kindergarten Orientation is on 3/12 at 6PM, Christi will attend to represent SEPAC
- FSN VISION** Christi and Deanna King are attending the conference. Should SEPAC provide reimbursement for attendance? Thoughts are yes, especially if attendees can bring back information to share.

Excellent Educator Awards Flyer is done, will go out in BES backpacks, email to BMS and Tahanto, jpg for websites, Timeline: flyer will go out by 3/14, reminder 1st week of April, deadline is 4/17, Teacher appreciation week is 5/9. Will put out a call for volunteers to help out with distribution at the schools at the next meeting

Website Update: Edits and refinements are being made in small increments, December minutes
Rochelle Peret posted. Tabled discussion of Resource page until next month.

SEPAC Facebook Page Karen Groccia reported that several more SEPAC members have been invited to the SEPAC Facebook Group page. She will post an announcement on Boylston Area Neighbors Connect to invite other families/parents to join the SEPAC page or Like and/or Follow. Question was asked if Berlin has a community page like Boylston's. Karen will investigate.
Karen is still trying to get in touch with Deanna about the old page.

School Meeting Reports:

Union 60 School Committee: no SpEd issues to report

Regional School Committee: They have cut the proposed town budget by \$1M, by reducing SPED transportation and out-of-district placements. Also mentioned staff and technology reductions. School committee accepted the reductions.

Berlin Memorial School Committee: no SpEd issues to report

Boylston Elementary School Committee: no SpEd issues to report

Tahanto STAAGS PTO: Meeting Wednesday March 5th for election of officers.

Berlin LINK: no SpEd issues to report

BUSS (Berlin United to Support our Students): no SpEd issues to report

Boylston PTO: no SpEd issues to report

Boylston School Council: School improvement plan is being drafted for school committee approval in the spring.

Superintendent's School Council – no SpEd issues to report

Literacy Committee – Reviewing Pearson materials, for possible selection for a Literacy Curriculum. Will be reviewing McGraw Hill materials in a couple of weeks. Presenting the literacy plan in May to the Regional School Committee.

Future Agenda Items:

- Teacher Appreciation Week Activities
- Fall Fundraiser Go/No Go
- Scholarship Winner Selection
- Open Offices for 2014-2015

M/s/p to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:58pm

Approved: Electronic approvals on file.

_____ Christi Stille, Co-President

_____ Karen Groccia, Vice President

_____ Lori Michalak, Treasurer

_____ Rochelle Peret, Secretary

Submitted by:

Rochelle Peret, Secretary
