



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools
Special Education Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

- Date:** April 30, 2014 7:05 PM
- Meeting Place:** Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Multi-Purpose Room
- In attendance:** Karen Groccia, Lori Michalak, Christina Stille, Rochelle Peret, Karen Molnar, Maureen Norvold
- Membership:** 93 members, 51 Yahoo! Group members. 1 Member removed due to ineligibility.
Rochelle Peret
- Financial:** Current balance is \$1,574.63. Carol G. check for \$200 & \$50 to Karen for gift.
Lori Michalak cards cleared
- Communications:** W. Boylston SEPAC is up and running. Web May 28 regarding Anxiety, ADD & ADHD in Schools, however, this event conflicts with our de-escalation meeting. Perhaps send a representative? Also, June 10 "Shut up about your Perfect Kid". Debate on where to have last day going out, tabled until next month.
- PR Report:** Meeting notice got picked up by the Banner, PawPrints, Tahanto website, and Facebook page. No information on the elementary school pages. Reminder about the Excellent Education Awards was sent out but only posted on the Facebook page. Scholarship notice is on the website. Karen will send out a reminder this weekend to the high schools and to Karen Molnar to pass on. She will send out info regarding the May 28th meeting by May 9th. PR for 6/11 meeting will have to go out sooner, too.
Karen Groccia
- PPS** Budget is in good shape, the finance committee in Berlin went back and approved it. They need support at the town meeting as money coming back from Assabet to be used to upgrade computers.
Karen Molnar

OLD BUSINESS

Excellent Educator Awards Submissions for 10 teachers total, 5 for Tahanto and 5 for BES. Rochelle will present the awards to BES teachers the week of May 2nd, and Tahanto awards will be presented at the Teacher Appreciation Day on May 20th.

Scholarship When we receive applications redact the names so they are anonymous.

We have confirmed Nadine Ekstrom for the May 28th Behavior De-escalation presentation.

How do we bring out more Berlin residents to be involved in SEPAC?

New Business Resource list was passed about for reorganization.
An Election Committee Chair is needed– Christi volunteered.

School Meeting Reports:

BES School Council: School Improvement plan has been drafted and is being reviewed, will be presented in the near future.

Literacy Committee: Decision made on reading program; committee is currently on hiatus.

Regional School Committee: no SpEd issues to report

BMS School Committee: no SpEd issues to report

BES School Committee: no SpEd issues to report

Tahanto STAAGS PTO: Lori offered to have SEPAC co-sponsor teacher appreciation breakfast. Request for volunteers went out.

Berlin LINK: no SpEd issues to report. Christi has not spoken with Valerie Muldoon, the President, this month.

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

Boylston PTO: no SpEd issues to report

Superintendent’s School Council: no SpEd issues to report

M/s/p to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm

Approved: Electronic approvals on file.

_____ Christi Stille, Co-President

_____ Karen Groccia, Vice President

_____ Lori Michalak, Treasurer

_____ Rochelle Peret, Secretary

Submitted by:

Rochelle B. Peret

Rochelle Peret, Secretary