



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

- Date:** July 30, 2014 6:50 PM
- Meeting Place:** Stille Homestead
- In attendance:** Karen Groccia, Christina Stille, Rochelle Peret, Lori Michalak, Lisa Thompson, Monica April
- Membership:** No change, 92 members, 50 Yahoo! Group members.
Rochelle Peret
- Financial:** Current balance is \$929.36. We paid out two \$300 checks to scholarship winners, and Lori was reimbursed \$45.66 for Excellent Educator award supplies.
- Communications:** Christi received info for a potential program by MASSPAC titled "Thinking Outside the Classroom," an Executive Functioning program.
- PR Report:** The Banner published the Excellent Educator Awards and the Scholarship winners. July meeting PR was picked up on FaceBook, newspapers, yahoo! Group and website. September PR will go out last week of Aug, with info forwarded to Karen Molnar to invite Administration and Staff.
Karen Groccia
- OLD BUSINESS** Business cards are finalized and Karen G. will send to printer and get 1000 cards by Sept meeting. Approximate cost is \$15.
- During Bylaws discussion, Karen G. said she would look for an e-copy that we could put up online.
- New Business** Looking ahead for the 2014-2015 meeting schedule: ADHD and Anxiety are the 2 biggest problems in The Berlin/Boylston school systems, and we want to focus on speakers and presentations around this. West Boylston SEPAC members recommend their previous speaker, Dr. Sherree Lenkarski-Foye, who spoke about strategies for dealing with ADHD and anxiety. We will look into what she can offer us. Other meetings will be our Basic Rights Presentation, MassPac. We'd like the possibility of joining with West Boylston SEPAC to hold combined meetings. Should we have our Special Ed Liason hold the Basic Rights Presentations? Other options include the You Inc. Presentation "Don't Pop Your Cork" by Jeanine Fitzgerald, and the author of "No Parent Left

