



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools  
**Special Education Parent Advisory Council**

*Meeting Minutes*

- Date:** October 22, 2014 7:02PM
- Meeting Place:** Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Multi-Purpose Room
- In attendance:** Karen Groccia, Christina Stille, Rochelle Peret, Lori Michalak, Karen Molnar, Angela Allred, Stephanie Carmel, Jennifer Stander
- Membership:** 1 Addition, 93 members, 50 Yahoo! Group members.  
**Rochelle Peret**
- Financial:** Current balance: \$1534.58
- Communications:** Literacy Night "For Little Learners", November 6, at Tahanto; 6:30-8:30.  
Special Education "Child Find" for children ages 3-21 has been distributed to all local daycares.
- PR Report:**  
**Karen Groccia**
- \* Draft Event Schedule and Committee Assignments was passed around.
  - \* September PR went out to cable, schools, paper, towns, and Facebook.
  - \* Pie Sales were advertised through Facebook and *The Banner* Newspaper.
  - \* Tonight's General Meeting was publicized in *The Banner*.
  - \* Karen found an e-copy of the SEPAC Bylaws and will distribute it to others.
  - \* The Board agrees on Tahanto Yearbook Ad Layout. Motion made, seconded, passed to purchase a half-page ad for \$80 in the 2015 Tahanto Yearbook.
  - \* 2014-2015 Event Calendar finalized.
- NISW:** Angela Allred is taking the lead on this at the elementary schools. Lori will contact various Tahanto groups to keep informed as Tahanto takes the lead on NISW in their school. Christi has been in contact with Carol Costello & the BES & BMS principals. The December Literacy theme is "What does it mean to be a good friend?" about friendships and how we treat each other. SEPAC will present the NISW concept at the November 24<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting at BES. Karen Molnar will find out when the BMS Staff Meeting is. Christi will contact Diane Tucceri to see if we can tie in to Community Support Night.

Angela will draft a letter to go along with the certificates to explain to parents what NISW is. She will also look into having posters for the 2 elementary schools made – possibly have Assabet print up?

**PPS Karen Molnar** Started putting in budgets and not a lot of new programs. Special Education does not have a lot of budget impact this year. November is Family Literacy Month. MAPS testing has been completed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Lyman Pie Fundraiser: 154 pies sold, same as last year. Christi thanked Lori, Ligia, and Rochelle for their hard work in getting the pie sales up and running.


**School Meeting Reports:**

- BES School Council:** No Meeting
- 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:** No SpEd issues to report
- 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
- 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 Peret, Secretary