



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

- Date:** October 23, 2016
- Meeting Place:** Berlin Memorial Library
- In attendance:** Rochelle Peret, Jessica Meltzer, Karen Molnar, Karen Groccia, Angela Allred, Jeff Turgeon, Laura Williamson, Anna DiVecchio, Joyce Hudson, Blake Poggi, Janet Lamy, Kelly Gardner, Kerry Lavallee
- Presentation:** Welcome given by Jessica. Jessica Meltzer briefly explained PANDAS and the link with autism. PANDAS presentation presented by Kim Turgeon.
- Handouts to group were available and questions followed the presentation.
(All handouts on file at SEPAC).
- General meeting called to order at 8:30pm
- Minutes :** September minutes pending. Karen G will send to group for edits. Angela's computer is down currently.
- Membership Report:** 98 members, 54 YahooGroup! members. No changes.
- Financial:** Current balance is \$351 even with .04 interest this month. Ro submitted receipt and Kerry reimbursed \$13.48.
- PR Report:** PANDAS flyer out. Newspaper notices out. Facebook Meeting notice out. Drafted Yearbook AD. Drafted Movement Strategies flyer.
- Communication Report:** Rochelle receives mail monthly for SEPAC and filters per need. Rochelle Peret went to the Tri-meeting to present SEPAC report. We let Cheryl Nelson know that we would be attending 3 times over the school year. SEPAC will be represented by Karen Molnar when needed. Former Lyman pie customer inquired about sales this year. We will redirect her to our Sheets fundraiser. No Lyman pies this year.

Karen Molnar PPS: Janet Ament has been replaced by Michelle Mancini at Central Office. Janet is currently helping Michelle acclimate.

OLD business:

Survey: Karen made changes to current draft based on Rochelle's feedback. "homeschool" will be added to the options. Karen will put out the survey next week with a deadline after the holidays. The survey will be offered online at the Berlin, Boylston and Tahanto websites and SEPAC Facebook pages and website. Karen will capture the responses via spreadsheet. The DESE survey will not interfere with ours.

Allergy/Sensitivity accommodations:

Jessica will write letter to be distributed to BBRSD schools regarding allergy/sensitivity accommodations. Nadine agreed to review the letter and okay for distribution. SEPAC supports this letter. The focus of the letter is the entire student body not an individual. Jess will have draft soon.

NEW Business:

Tahanto Yearbook Ad: Karen drafted a 1/4-page ad and presented pricing options. MSD to submit an ad this year.

Website Hosting Renewal: Feb. 2017 - \$37.99 is the annual fee with Network Solutions. 1 year approved by the board. Karen will pay then submit receipt for reimbursement.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser: Best Buddies is currently using this Fundraiser. Board tabled discussion until January or springtime.

Bed Sheet Fundraiser: 12 is the minimum amount to purchase (for free shipping?) The cost is \$19.99 per set (includes all sizes and colors). Kerry Lavalley will price sheets with Karen's help and has the 'square store' product to use during sales. We will possibly sell online and at Berlin's Christmas celebration in early December.

NISW: Board M/S/P to table until next year. Discussed other options such as incorporating into Valentine's Day or the Disability Awareness Program or in the Spring.

School Meeting Reports:

BMS School Council: No SpEd issues to report

BES School Council: No SpEd issues to report

Regional School Committee: Afterschool special help sessions helped PARCC scores increase in students with disabilities.

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BES School Committee: No SpEd issues to report

Tahanto STAAGS PTO: No SpEd issues to report

Berlin LINK: No SpEd issues to report

Boylston PTO: No SpEd issues to report

m/s/p to adjourn 9:47 p.m.

Meeting adjourned



Approved:

Electronic approvals on file.

_____ **Rochelle Peret, Co-President**

_____ **Jessica Meltzer, Co-President**

_____ **Karen Groccia, Vice President**

_____ **Kerry Lavallee, Treasurer**

_____ **Angela Allred, Secretary**