



Berlin/Boylston Public Schools
Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

- Date:** December 11, 2013, 7:05pm
- Meeting Place:** Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Multi-Purpose Room
- In attendance:** Karen Groccia, Paula Beaulac, Angela Allred, Rochelle Peret, Christina Stille, Lori Michalak, Kathy Derderian, Jean Clancy, Kathy Lohnes, Donna LoConte, Ligia Turnquist,
- Membership:** 92 members, 56 Yahoo! Group members. Need help or access to delete bouncers
Rochelle Peret (some duplicates) from Yahoo!Group. Karen and Rochelle need to figure out *where* the form data goes when someone applies for membership on the SEPAC webpage. At this point it goes to an excel file....somewhere.
- Financial:** Current balance is \$2,152.31. We have not yet been billed for FCSN's
Lori Michalak presentation.
- Communications:** Christi shared the 2013/1014 Northborough/Southborough PAC calendar – one event she forwarded. Extended school year event sounds interesting.
- PR Report:** Everyone received a listing of Chair Assignments for the events through the end
Karen Groccia of the year. Karen created a new Facebook SEPAC page, we need future discussions on how private it should be, how people are invited to the page, and what's posted. Page will definitely will be moderated. Concerns regarding privacy and using our Yahoo group vs. Facebook
A press release regarding the National Inclusive Schools Week projects at both the elementary schools and Tahanto will be sent to *The Banner*.
Lori has sent a thank you note for the pie fundraiser to *The Banner* and *The Item*.
Press for our December meeting was picked up by *The Banner* and Tahanto has been good at posting on their website.
Judy Rappa is the new secretary at Berlin. SEPAC info is not being put up on BMS' website.
Bill Andrews is managing BES' website. Meeting was included in calendar ; they are requesting a .jpg with logo, etc for BES.

Tahanto is having a financial seminar for juniors – will bring the scholarship forms, to get the info out there.

We still needs to get forms to Assabet. Paula B. will drop them off once Karen makes more copies.

NISW

Angela Allred

Great turnout at BES! Jay Groccia photographed BES' and BMS' displays.

320 BES students and approximately 2/3 of BMS students participated. Angela is picking up class lists tomorrow for the recognition, certificate is finalized.

Many of the teachers were already working on activities for NISW – was going to send Lori a list of what was going to be done, hasn't received it yet. Angela would like to present the certificates at the January teacher meetings and have coffee and goodies for the staff meeting after school for BMS and BES. Mr. Campbell would like to do NISW every year and was disappointed that some of the classrooms didn't participate, but was encouraged by the response.

Angela and Karen believe that the planning was done early enough. Lori would like to start Tahanto's planning earlier.

Next year, SEPAC should meet with Carol Costello for planning purposes – Angela suggests bringing in speakers incorporated with Disability awareness (hard of hearing, Aspergers, etc.) so children should know more what inclusion is.

There *is* more than just 1-week of "inclusion" at Tahanto, but it can still be grown and become more visible.

Website Update:

Karen Groccia

Web expenses for the year: Network Solutions domain expires Feb 2014.

Renewal costs are \$37.99/1 year, \$113.97/3 years, \$184.99/5 years

iPage hosting expires July 2014. Renewal cost is \$178.20/3 years

Total is \$292.17 for 3 years of domain ownership and hosting.

We might as well do it all at once since there's no other income coming in between now and then (unless we get the ARC grant). Motion for renewals, passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Tabling Resource List for another meeting.

Write a thank you to Katharine for developing website.

School Meeting Reports:

Union 60 School Committee:

Regional School Committee:

Berlin Memorial School Committee:

Boylston Elementary School Committee:

Tahanto PTO:

Berlin LINK:

BUSS (Berlin United to Support our Students):

Boylston PTA:

Boylston School Council: Karen reports that they've set up a schedule for the rest of the year, there will be a regular meeting time
School improvement plan a 3 year plan, BES is working closely with Mr. Campbell as there are similar goals for the 2 elementary schools., but also some school-specific goals.

Future Agenda Items:

- Website update
- Resource List

M/s/p to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM

Approved: Electronic approvals on file.

_____ Christi Stille, Co-President

_____ Karen Groccia, Vice President

_____ Lori Michalak, Treasurer

_____ Rochelle Peret, Secretary

Submitted by:



Rochelle Peret
