

Business Meeting #2

14 November 2022 / 6:00 PM / Alden ROOM 102

ATTENDEES

SEPAC Board: Shannon Moesaa, Kate Reynolds, Katie Sheehan (remotely), Jen Weedon

DPS Admin: SPED Team Chairs – Julie Baggia (DMS); Valerie Kelly (Chandler, Alden); Melissa Laidlaw (DHS)

School Committee: Kristen O’Connell (SEPAC Liaison)

Community members: three parents

AGENDA/Notes

- 6pm-7:25 pm Business Mtg
- 7:30-8 pm Parent Support/Check-in
- General Business
 - **Follow up** on 10/17 Business Meeting – only item still outstanding is question of SEPAC survey re: SPED audit goals.
 - **Fundraising** – SM – putting this general topic on future agenda – reviewed history of SEPAC fundraising
 - In order to raise funds that go directly to SEPAC causes – 501 (Non profit) or “Friends of” designation?
 - Right now we paid OOP for printing flyers and website
 - **Does 6pm-8pm work for business meetings?** Used to be 7pm start.
 - Discussion – Business meetings on different nights for more engagement? Concern 7-9pm would make for a long day for parents, school staff. revisit as needed. No changes for now.
 - **MassPAC Building Community/School Culture Workshop** – 10/28 – Jen W
 - Major themes – We are not alone in our challenges.
 - Made some valuable connections. Lots of ideas for how to move forward in Dux. More to come!

- **Alden & Chandler New Playgrounds Project** – KR – Alden PTA mtg – 2 new at Chandler and 1 new at Alden expected for Summer 2024
 - Call for volunteers to help fundraise. ? offer design input from SPED perspective (ADA accessibility in the plans). Sensory enrichment, places to destim/hide, ways to stim, low vision gradient, Augmented Communication Board
 - Parent mentioned “Luke’s playground” Barnstable – inclusive design.
 - Another parent volunteered to help fundraise SEPAC contribution to the playgrounds. ?board, bench, feature
- **Open Comment**
 - Using Google doc to enhance comm with school, community providers, and parent. “Living, breathing update”
 - Request to not have SEPAC Business Mtg same week as SC mtg
- **Admin/Superintendent Updates & School Committee**
 - SPED Interim Dir. Position – Super’s rec to be named 11/16 SC meeting, Interim in place until June 2023
 - Permanent SPED Director Search timeframe and parent input
 - SC Liaison KO “There will be a process” that includes exhaustive search and input from parents.
 - Permanent Sped Dir search to start Jan/Feb after HS Princ.
 - Budget – proposed version presented by Dr. K at SC Mtg
 - please review if you have not already – SEPAC feedback needed
 - Concern re: low wages & recruitment – esp with Instructional Assts. Down 6 IAs in district
 - IEP Binder Presentation – Team Chairs provided binders with tabs, options for organizing IEP documents and communications.
- **Duxbury BOLDD – Better Outcomes for Learning Disabilities/Dyslexia**
 - Movie Screening – KR forgot to mention during mtg – SEPAC partnering with Duxbury Public Library (who is generously offering their grant funds) to present a movie screening “Normal Isn’t Real” in the Spring.
 - **NORMAL ISN’T REAL is a series of 4 mini documentary-style videos featuring successful young adults sharing their stories of coming to terms with their LD and ADHD issues. Viewers**

leave equipped with insights and tools they might adapt to their own lives, and a large dose of inspiration. [Normal Isn't Real](#)

ACTION ITEMS

- **Parents**
 - Feedback on proposed School budget - email School Committee
 - Playground fundraising for SEPAC item(s) - email Asst. Principal
 - Instructional Asst appreciation opportunities?
 - December SEPAC Social Meet Up - stay tuned
 - Reach out to Team Chair for IEP Binder if desired
 - Keep an eye out for SEPAC survey to ensure parent voices are being accurately heard and heeded.
- **Team Chairs**
 - Recruitment/Retention for quality IAs - liveable wage primarily, also non-financial incentives (experience, career-building, supportive work environment)
- **School Committee**
 - Meeting 11/16 - Interim SPED Director will be recommended for SC vote.
 - Office Hours - stay tuned - always welcome to reach out to SEPAC Liaisons Kristen O'Connell and Katie Cleary
- **BOLDD (Better Outcomes for Learning Disabilities/Dyslexia)**
 - Spring Movie screening - www.Normalisntreal.com - cont. planning w/ Sam C. at Library
 - Weekday night in April? PAC? Incorporate fundraising?

NEXT Business Meeting Jan 23rd 6pm - 8pm - Agenda to follow

DECEMBER SOCIAL Meet Up - TBD

Email SEPAC Board Members with questions, concerns, or agenda items

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