

November 14, 2017

SEPAC open board meeting Minutes

Attendance: C. Carey, A. Cohen, R. Parlikar, M. Fegley, K. Gallagher, M. Rambelle, J. Swersey, J. Schulz, S. Rapolu

Discussion:

1. Feedback of Basic Rights workshop done 11/8/17

Positive overall, we had some new parents participate and they got some good information. It was felt by many that it was very basic, and therefore not as engaging as past presentations done by an attorney.

2. Speaker updates:

12/6/17 will be a safety presentation by Newton Police room 210 Ed Center

1/9/2018 TRANSITION presentation by SPED staff elementary to Middle school

2/5/2018 TRANSITION presentation by SPED staff Middle to High School **TENTATIVE**

Followup discussion with Karen Shmukler regarding what high school staff does with 8th grade parents will happen on 11/16/17

2/28/2108 Jessica Minahan speaking on Anxiety NNHS auditorium

*** next Open Board Meeting will be a holiday social at Michelle Fegley's home, details TBA

3. Web Site and Listserv updates:

Vote was taken to approve updates to web page including: domain name change, editing of main page, editing "tabs", archiving dated material. Exploring links to current district policies and services.

Vote: 7 yeah, 0 against

Discussion on updating/creating new LISTSERV, goal is to bring it up to "best practices" as an outreach platform, and creating "support groups" for parent support.

Further discussion needed

4. Transition meetings: see above

5. Any New Items/other topics:

A. This meeting was running concurrently to a school committee meetings and a topic of discussion at the S.C meeting was later start times for the high school and/or district.

Current plan is to first align NNHS and NSHS to same schedule and have a 6.5 hour day. This will actually shorten the school day.

It was not mentioned when the HS's would have a later start of the day.

Concerns were raised that there was no SPED voice in the discussion and our students were not being taken into account.

B. No Update available on the Friends of SPED