



# Special Education Parent Advisory Council

## Minutes

April 30, 2019 Meeting

Barnstable Intermediate School

**Attendance Head Count:** 4 including officers, parents, and district personnel

**Children in Daycare:** 0

**Guest:** Dylan Pauly, School Lawyer; Susan Powers, CORD Advocate; Gretchen Arvanitopoulos, CORD

### SEPAC Business Meeting

President Kathy Bent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., welcomed everyone, and thanked Principal Anderson for hosting the meeting.

### Election of 2019-20 Officers

There were no formal nominations for the leadership positions and no members present who were eligible to vote. Therefore, the current officers will remain for the 2019-20 school year.

- President – **Kathy Bent**
- Vice-President – *vacant*
- Members-at-Large: **Julie Clymer, Selissa Johnson, Kenneth (Dan) Luechauer, Tracy Miller**

Kathy stated the purpose of the meeting is to gather input for improving special education to submit to the district administration. Your input can be shared by emailing [barnsepac@gmail.com](mailto:barnsepac@gmail.com), submitting a Comment Form on the SEPAC website (BarnstableSEPAC.com), or mailing a printed Comment Form (or sending a note) to P.O Box 623, Centerville, MA 02632.

### Procedure for Reporting to Administration

The first reporting using the Procedure for Reporting to Administration will be for the 2018-19 school year. Concerns and suggestions brought forth last school year will be sent forward.

### Update on Search Committee for Executive Director of Special Education

Another candidate was interviewed last week. The Committee is planning on meeting with the Superintendent.

### Comments/Suggestions from Parents

- A parent asked if the lawyer represents the District, how can her attending SEPAC help parents. Dylan Pauly replied that she can respond to general questions and share the District's position (point-of-view) on special education issues.

### JRI Children's Behavioral Health Initiative

Kristen Bono returned and shared information about the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative which is a program to ensure students with behavior needs receive the services to help them. These services can be provided in-home or elsewhere. She explained the procedure and encouraged families needing help to contact her.

**REMINDERS** → Child care is available at every meeting. Meetings are always the last Tuesday of the month. Remember to check Facebook for the updated information or the SEPAC website-- [www.barnstablesepac.com](http://www.barnstablesepac.com).

**Announcements**

This is the last meeting for the school year. The 2019-20 meeting schedule will be included in the District's special education mailing in August. Please look for the schedule and plan on attending. This organization is as strong as the parents/guardians involved. Please send your ideas for next year to us by email or message Facebook.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Bent