



Special Education Parent Advisory Council Minutes

September 25, 2018 Meeting
Barnstable United Elementary School

Attendance Head Count: 11 including officers, parents, and district personnel

Children in Daycare: 3

Guests: Chris Jacobson, Mashpee parent

SEPAC Business Meeting

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

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, 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. Concerns brought forth last school year, and suggestions will be sent forward.

Comments/Suggestions from Parents Included

- Bus issues (Barnstable busses) – late to school – if you can't solve at school level – contact Dr. Bruinooge – impact of late to school has detrimental effect on students.
- Question about BIS – X2 some teachers use this and others don't
- Received nothing from homeroom teacher – from regular teacher. Mrs. Donahue (gen ed teacher). If you aren't sure if your child is pulled out – look at C grid.
- Recommendation to new parents – communication sheet that comes with the information you want to know from school and another that parent sends in (At Home)
- BIS – new school – not receiving any of her child's work -- asked sped teacher
- Parent recommends communication is the key.
- Parent reported that her second child is having an easier transition – she thinks because she's worked with the Sped Dept before
- **Comment forms are available at each meeting and on the SEPAC website for those parents who cannot make meetings or who prefer to submit comments anonymously.**

Basic Rights in Special Education

Christine Riley presented the **Basic Rights Workshop in Special Education**. This workshop designed by the Federation of Children with Special Needs to provide families with an introduction to their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Massachusetts Special Education Law. Parents received information on how to be effective partners with their children's schools to decide their child's eligibility for special education, and to plan, make decisions and monitor their children's progress in school. The PowerPoint presentation is posted to the SEPAC website (click on *Meetings*).

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.

Announcements

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 28 at Barnstable United Elementary School (730 Osterville-West Barnstable Rd., Marstons Mills). The SEPAC meeting begins at 6:00. The presentation, **Disabilities Services in College & Inclusive 18-22 Program at CCCC (MAICE)** begins at 6:30. This presentation is appropriate for all parents of students in the high school.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Bent