

SEPAC Meeting Minutes

10/21/2021

21 October 2021 / 9:00AM / Zoom

ATTENDEES

Angela Richardson, Meredith Bielecki, Atara Korik, Melissa Suderman, Lori Bruce, Sessa Gadey, Carrie Patel, Marissa Paquette, Lynette Kelleher, Matthew and Dawn Castro.

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Call to order.
2. Minutes approved.

New Business

- Call to order 9:05 am
- Introductions
- Approve minutes from the October meeting.
- Lori's update
- FCSN Membership/Advertising.
- Coffee Chat
- Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://carlisle-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/84815129405?pwd=c1FYd1dDSG92Z0lzUWgyV1N KcmQxZz09>
- Parent questions/comments
- Adjourn.

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SEPAC Information/Discussion Items

1. Lori's update.
 - a. There are five students currently being evaluated.
 - i. Three are early interventions.
 - ii. Other children who we had concerns from last year.
 - b. Six students who are being monitored through child study team
 - c. Ten students for three year evaluations
 - d. IEPS
 - i. Two children did not qualify for IEPs
 - ii. Two students came off IEPs
 - iii. Twenty two because they are three years.
 - iv. Thirty evaluations for the year.
 - e. New hires
 - i. Working well
 - ii. Mentorship program has been working well. New trainees have been well prepared going into meetings.
 - iii. Lori A. is back.
 - f. Questions:
 - i. Parent question: If a child has opted out of a language can they re-enter a language the next year?
 - ii. Answer: Option to Audit class. Reach out to Matt to let him know you're interested.
 - iii. Question: Has the Special Ed Sub Committee met to draft their goals.
 - iv. Answer yes, they are in the process of being drafted and making sure they are obtainable goals.
 - v. Next SESC Meeting is on Monday, Oct 25th.
2. Co-Chair Update
 - a. Renewed Fed membership. School had set aside money in the budget for membership.
 - i. Variety of benefits the memberships brings
 1. Webinars, resources, links to various therapeutic facilities, experts and advocates.

- b. How to build awareness of our membership to FCSN and maximize our member value.
 - i. Explore to have a FCSN section in the newsletter and website.
 - 1. Need to update FB page to public so we can list FCSN events.
 - ii. Concord SEPAC is a good wealth of information.
 - 1. Legislation about having a SEPAC member on SC.
 - 2. Jim O. said if we are interested we could just ask and could be a non voting member on the SC.
- c. Coffee Chat
 - i. Picking a new place, date and time.
 - ii. Rotate days to allow more people to attend.
 - iii. November 9th at 9am at Fern's
- d. Newsletter to help facilitate communication between the school and parents.
 - i. Standing sections.
 - ii. Interview different people at the school, a Q&A section.
 - 1. Collect questions with a deadline every month. The questions would be anonymous.
 - 2. Different people to feature/spot light.
 - a. A Parent suggested maybe OT and Speech.
 - b. Ask similar questions eg. what goes on in the day and the life of a speech therapist, etc.
 - c. Parent suggestions Q&A:
 - i. Intro to an IEP:
 - 1. who will be there? Understanding my child's IEP.
 - 2. What are measurable goals?
 - 3. How are goals and benchmarks measured? How is data collected?
 - 4. Who is my case manager?
 - 5. What is their role?
 - 6. What is the goal for each child? What is the expectation for each child when they reach that expectation?
 - 7. How does a child come off an IEP?

8. What grade level is your child expected to perform at?
 - ii. What sort of training does a specialist have?
 - iii. What are the different programs used within the school?
 1. Ortan gillingham, Foundations etc...
 - iv. Transition and timelines.
 - v. Dyslexia screening
 1. Which grade is a child screened.
 2. What evaluation product do they use?
 3. What are the next steps if a child is flagged for a Specific Learning Disability?
 4. What is the school capable of testing for?
3. Spot in Newsletter with definitions of acronyms of different educators, eg SLPs.
- e. Suggestions to subcommittee for goals
 - i. Letter to subcommittee w/ suggestions?
 - ii. New legislation for dyslexia and testing.
1. Adjourn Meeting at 10:45 am Motioned by Meredith