

# SEPAC Meeting Minutes

## 09/23/2021

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**23 September 2021 / 9:00AM / Zoom**

### ATTENDEES

Angela Richardson, Meredith Bielecki, Kate Mazzola, Lori Bruce, Sessa Gadey, Amanda Comperchio, Eva Mostoufi, Niressa Martin, Marissa Paquette, Carrie Patel, Linda Vanaria, Jim O'Shea, Mary O'Regan

### AGENDA

#### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Call to order
2. A quorum was not met at the last meeting.

#### New Business

- Call to order 9:05 am
- Introductions
- Approve minutes from the May meeting.
- Joint Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) and School Committee Special Education Subcommittee (SESC)
- Two positions available on SEPAC board, Co-chair and Publicity/Membership chair
- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://carlisle-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/84815129405?pwd=clFYd1dDSG92Z0lzUWgyV1N KcmQxZz09>
- Parent questions/comments
- Adjourn.

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## **SEPAC Information/Discussion Items**

1. Minutes from the April 2021 SEPAC Meeting were approved.
2. Ms. Richardson made a motion to appoint Meredith Bielecki as SEPAC Co-Chair and Sesha Gadey as SEPAC Publicity/Membership Chair. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.
3. Updates from Co-Chairs: Membership to Federation will expire in November of 2021. The membership will be renewed and following the renewal a SEPAC event with a speaker from the Federation for Children with Special Needs will be planned. Suggestions of how to publicize this event included posting on the website, sending out in a newsletter, and direct email to families. SEPAC would also like to get a series of coffee chats up and running in the coming months.
4. Update from Director of Student Support Services: Ms. Lori Bruce reviewed the list of new special education faculty and staff members. At this time there are 104 students on IEPs. The average number of students on an IEP throughout the year is 110. Currently several students are in the evaluation process. It was noted that more students on IEPs have multiple needs than in past years. Lori explained that all special educators spend time in the classroom as well as pulling out students to provide services. There was a review of the programs offered by the Special Education department. General education and special education staff meet weekly or biweekly depending upon the needs of the students. Baseline reading and math screenings are done by staff each year in September in grades K-8.

## **SESC Update and Goal Setting**

1. Goals: At the August 16, 2021, SESC meeting members began to discuss goals for the upcoming school year including regular updates on active programs, improved communications, focus on literacy/dyslexia, and transparency with special education finances. There was further discussion of the goals and review of the purpose of the subcommittee. After sharing the 2021-2022 goals with SEPAC, the subcommittee determined it would continue discussion to outline the details of the goals at its next meeting.

2. Use of ESSER III Funds: There was discussion of the use of ESSER III funds the district will be receiving. The FY21 budget included an increase of 5% and ESSER III funds would fill the budget gap created due to the increase.
3. Public Comments- There were no public comments.
4. Adjourn Meeting
5. Ms. Comperchio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mostoufi. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am