

SEPAC Meeting Minutes

02/23/2021

24 November 2020 / 6:46 PM / Zoom

ATTENDEES

Angela Richardson, Atara Korik, Meredith Bielecki, Kate Mazzola, Melissa Suderman, Lori Bruce, Henry Ndakalu, Mike McDonald, Angela Rigel, Amanda Comperchio, Anna.

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Call to order
2. DESE
3. Basic Rights workshops and CCHS Meeting
4. Staff Changes
5. MCAS
6. Budget
7. School Committee

New Business

- Call to order
- Introductions
- Approve minutes from the February meeting.
- Question/comments about Basic Rights seminar
- Update from Director of Student Support Services
- DESE's Release of Massachusetts Dyslexia Guidelines
- School Committee SPED Subcommittee Update
- Parent questions/comments
- Adjourn.

NOTES

- Meeting started at 6:46pm
- Meeting minutes approved by Kate Mazzola and seconded by Meredith Bielecki at 7:34pm.
- A parent asked if both parents should complete a survey or was it one per family or one per child?
 - Mike McDonald from DESE answered on one survey per family.
 - Report from the survey will be available 60 days from March 15th, which will be available to the public.
- Parent asked if CCHS will have a separate meeting for their child and their IEP?
 - LB said yes. There will be a representative from CCHS that will attend incoming 9th graders IEP meetings.
 - Jessica, 8th grade special educator helps with transitioning. Lori and Jessica met with the middle school assistant principal and the leaders of the different programs last week. They were asking Lori and Jessica about what programs they are using?
 - The CCHS meeting is about the different programs that CCHS offers. Most questions will be about RAP and LEAP.
- Parent asked if there is a deadline for when the 10 people need to sign up for Basic Rights.
 - Angela will look into.
- This meeting was recorded.

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1. DESE

- a. Mike McDonald and Henry Ndakalu gave a presentation based on Tiered Focused Monitoring.
 - b. The presentation was 12 minutes. The presentation is open to the public and can be found at:
 - i. www.doe.mass.edu/Pam/parents/default.html
 - ii. Michael.mcdonald@mass.gov 781-338-3746
2. Basic Rights Workshop and CCHS Meeting
- a. Basic Rights is scheduled for March 2nd @ 7pm
 - b. Need 10 people to attend basic rights.
 - c. CCHS program meeting is this Thursday 2/25/21. This year it has been open to all families instead of just 8th graders.
 - i. Explains all the different programming at the high school that is offered.
 - ii. They have lots of programming.
3. Staff Change
- a. Emily Wren
 - i. One of the student teachers we took on from Leslie University.
 - ii. She worked with us this summer as a Para.
 - iii. Was certified in December.
 - iv. Was moved out of her Para position and replaced Bethany.
 - v. Caitlin Candido replaced Emily as a para. She is also a floating sub.
4. MCAS
- a. Prep work for making space for FCR kids.
 - b. Start in April. They will be shorter this year. Usually are two days for each subject. This year its just one day.
 - c. Starts at grade 3
 - d. Most kids on IEPs are taken in small groups with a familiar educator or special educator. They also get a little extra support.
5. Budget
- a. School Committee tomorrow night will discuss the budget.
6. Subcommittee Meeting
- a. On Friday. Lori will have a draft for the Post IEP meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Federation of Special Needs Basic Rights Meeting.**
 - a. SEPAC will reach out to the Federation and get a list of topics that they offer and will put a list together.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Motioned by Kate Mazzola Seconded by Angela Richardson