

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE (SESC)
MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022, 8:00 AM
SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE, CARLISLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Present – School Committee: Amanda Comperchio, Sharon Whitt
Present – School Administration/Personnel: Jim O’Shea, Superintendent; Lori Bruce, Director of Student Support Services; Linda Vanaria, Teacher and CTA President; Mary O’Regan, Assistant to the Superintendent.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM.

II. Review/Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Whitt to approve the subcommittee meeting minutes from the April 25, 2022, May 20, 2022, and October 19, 2022 meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Comperchio and the motion passed.

III. Topics for 2022-2023 School Year

There was discussion of how the SESC can support the School Committee goals for the year. Several of the School Committee goals were highlighted.

- Budget - The SESC will be briefed on changes related to Special Education services that impact the budget and the subcommittee may provide an overview to the School Committee as needed.
- Policy- The Policy Subcommittee may reach out to the SESC to review any special education related policies as needed.
- Town Collaboration - The focus related to this goal is communication. The Student Support Office sends out surveys to families following IEP meeting and results of the surveys have been positive. The SESC is planning joint meetings with SEPAC over the course of the school year. School Administration has informal meetings over coffee with SEPAC leadership. There was discussion regarding the possibility of surveying families with students of 504 plans so they can provide feedback about their experiences.
- Professional Development - Opportunities for SESC members and the entire School Committee were discussed. Mr. O’Shea suggested listening to the podcast “Sold a Story” with a follow-up

discussion. SEPAC had requested to reschedule the February 2023 joint meeting. Ms. Bruce will reach out to invite them to join the January SESC meeting to discuss the podcast. Mr. O'Shea will share the link to the podcast and send out a Doodle Poll to find a date and time that works for people to meet.

- Social Emotional Health - Students, parents and staff will be surveyed through Panorama and the school psychologists will report out on the results at the January 11, 2023 School Committee meeting.
- Student Performance - At the November 9, 2022 School Committee meeting there was an extensive presentation on student performance that included data on special education students. It is difficult to report on data related to students reaching goals in their IEPs because student goals are individualized and every student makes progress at a different rate.
- Vocational School Opportunities - Ms. Bruce shared that she had encouraged families to re-apply to a technical school for grade 10 if a student does not get accepted for grade 9. Mr. O'Shea noted that Shawsheen Technical High School had seats available last year. There was a brief discussion surrounding visiting some of the technical schools in the area to get a better understanding of the programs they offer and their facilities.

Agenda items for the December 15th joint meeting with SEPAC were discussed. There will be a review of the Carlisle School & District profile, the FY24 Budget, areas of focus for the SESC for the year, the request of a list of teacher certifications & trainings, and the Student Support Services website updates. Ms. Bruce will reach out to SEPAC leadership to find out if they have any items they would like to add to the agenda.

IV. Public Comments

Carrie Patel, 85 Tophet Road, Carlisle

V. Adjourn Meeting

Ms. Whitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Comperchio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Regan
Assistant to the Superintendent
December 1, 2022

List of Documents Viewed and/or Reviewed:

- 4.25.22 SESC Subcommittee meeting minutes
- 5.20.22 SESC Subcommittee meeting minutes
- 10.19.22 SESC Subcommittee meeting minutes