

SEPAC meeting minutes 04/09/2024

Meeting start at 5:36pm
5 Parents / 6 staff members

-Introductions

Ways to get more parent involvement:

- Offer food and drinks
- Get a survey out to parents to see what they would like to see at meetings. Survey Monkey?

Karen Mowry presentation.

- PowerPoint will be emailed to put on website and link it to Facebook page.
- What is an advocate and what do they do?
- They work to ensure that students with special needs receive appropriate educational services.
- There are only eight in the state of MASS
- Each state is required to have a parent training federation, FCSN is the one for MA
- Parents Notice of Procedural Safeguards-it is important to read and keep a copy. Something that can be kept in the IEP binder.
- DOE website
- Karen notes to KEEP IEPS!

What does DDS do and why to get involved with them?

- DDS can send you to an agency that they are contracted with. Make recommendations for advocates, pay for advocates, Berkshire County ARC.
- Appropriate Transition Testing in high school.

FCSN.org

- Trainings offered on website.
- All trainings are free.

Jen- What is SEPAC and flowchart for contact

- Will post flowchart on Facebook, IEP Timeline also.
- Liason needs more support so that they are able to keep up on trainings and laws.
- Brochure about SEPAC and contact flowchart to be handed out at IEP meetings.

May 22nd- CHP training -Jen will follow up with Raina about more information

Next event is IEP Binder Building Event. Located at elementary school cafeteria. 5:30pm

Meeting end at 6:56