

May 22, 2025 SEPAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting start at 5:32pm

Introductions given: 2 admins 7 parents/caregivers

Curriculum night, SEPAC has a table saved. We will not be doing an activity as it may cause too much foot traffic and we may need to explain what SEPAC is and what we do.

Voting for SEPAC board positions. Descriptions were given on positions.

Secretary- Jen nominated Kristina. Missy second. All in favor. Kristina Snyder secretary voted as 25-26

Treasurer- Jess nominated herself. Jen second. All in favor, JessIca Kemp Treasurer voted for 25-26

Outreach- Kristina nominated Jen. Missy second all in favor. Jen Solak Outreach coordinator voted for 25-26

Goals for next year:

MassPAC would be beneficial for us to join in the upcoming year

We need to establish a budget.

What are somethings that other SEPACs are doing that may help with budgeting? Fundraising?

Presentation for school committee:

Visuals should be made as they help people stay engaged.

Representation for SEPAC! The more people that we can have there as SEPAC the better.

Erin Milne is new on the school committee. She is trying to have more school committee involvement in district groups. Do we want someone from the School Committee to join in on SEPAC meetings? It would be great to have someone sitting in on meetings that would give direct feedback rather than having to wait.

The School Committee meeting will be June 16th at 6:30pm here at the highschool.

Who we are and what is SEPAC?

What did SEPAC do this year?

- We were able to bring an advocate in to talk to parents.

- We have helped with bringing light to improving communication between schools and families.

What are our asks?

- *Funding, especially for MASSPAC.

- *We need more participation and representation from the School Committee. It would be great to have the School Committee be more involved with the kids to see first hand what is actually needed and where certain areas need attention.

- *Should SEPAC have more of a voice in the Special Education budget so what the school committee may know what the needs are, (some influence)?

- *How can we make more events that are happening more inclusive? We need to present to the school committee in a very direct, black and white type of way.

We want them to change their narrative and they way they see students with disabilities. Get more involved.

- *How can we as a SEPAC help to advise the you (the school committee)? What kind of things can we do to help you help our students?

If anyone would like to email pictures of their kids to include in the presentation, email hvrsdsepac@gmail.com

By putting more supports for our kids in the general ed classroom, it is helping all students as a whole (MTSS).

District is moving to SMORE for newsletters. There is a barrier with our schools and emails.

Special Education news letter- This was sent to SEPAC by Monica. Should this newsletter be sent to all families rather than just SpEd families? It would help reach more people and get more information out there.

We need to do better with PR as a district, rather than just sports.

Promotion and communication (nobody knew about adaptive games).

BART wants to join our SEPAC and others have asked if they can join ours, but that may get confusing, especially with contact people through the district.

Transportation budget and why do we only have one lift bus? If that bus breaks down, kids would not be able to get to school.

When is the next time to talk about transportation budgeting?

Explaining how test scores for children with disabilities are low. Some are not getting consistent help.

NECC program is taking over the Bridges program at the middle school. The contract was just signed. It comes with a BCBA. It is ABA based, and is very behaviorally structured. There will be more pay for these positions.

Do we want to have a June meeting? June 19th- even though there is no school. We will talk about how the presentation went. Board will meet over the summer to prepare for start of 25-26 school year (date TBD).

Meeting end at 6:43.