

November 13, 2025 SEPAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 5:32pm

Introductions given: 7 Parents in attendance, 5 Admin in attendance

Announcements: John Duval will be filling the position as school liaison for SEPAC.

Old Business: None at this time, as time is saved for the NECC presentation.

New Business: NECC Presentation (New England Center for Children)

The NECC opened in 1975. It is a private, non-profit that is located in Southborough, MA. This is where the residential program is located and there are roughly 150 students at that location. There are also 60 classrooms in the United States throughout VT, ME, MA and NH. There are also partnering classrooms in Abu Dhabi and England.

The purpose is to provide access to meaningful inclusion for students. They work on the students academic skills, self-help skills, they can also work in home to offer support for students.

The class consists of a full time SpEd teacher, along with 5 paraprofessionals and a BCBA that is on site once a week to oversee. The classroom has a student max of 6.

Everyone is excited about this program being available at HVMS. There has been a lot of collaboration between the district and NECC.

The program that is used is the Autism Curriculum Encyclopedia (ACE).

Only use evidence based, based on data collected, which is individual to the students needs and interests.

-Some students may be pulled out to the gen ed classrooms more than others depending on their needs.

-They meet with parents monthly to list concerns or what is going on at school vs. home, along with daily communication log.

There are monthly admin meetings between the NECC and the HVRSD.

During this first year at HVMS, there are 6 students, with 5 paras, Alex oversees the paras as the classroom SpEd teacher. Ideally there should be 1 para to 1 student. All of the paras received week long training, plus there is ongoing daily training.

Everything is individualized based on the needs per the student's IEP as are their behavioral plans.

Parent questions:

How do the students get chosen?

-6 students is the model. This is a good classroom size for the teacher be able to oversee. It is all data driven to determine which students will be chosen for the class. There would need to be more classrooms, if we didn't have the teachers or space to accommodate, we would need to outsource to different locations.

Do gen ed teachers get training as well?

-Yes, but only the teachers that directly have those 6 students.

What is SpEd like for the students that are not in the NECC?

-The district is meeting every student at their specific needs, like a teacher that is hired to help that particular student.

BCBA is used for behaviors, SpEd teachers are used for academics.

The district does have a contract for an additional BCBA in the high-school.
The process has been a big adjustment.

The parents are saying that the communication is amazing!

December 1st is the next meeting, Andrew from NBCC will be doing a Binder Building Event again, We would also like to have parents come together to discuss what accommodations they have used for their students, as some parents may not realize what could be done to help their child.

Meeting end at 6:42pm