ACK-SEPAC

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Nantucket, Massachusetts

Laura Steele, Suzanne Fronzuto – Co-Chairs

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2025

ACK-SEPAC Co-chair Laura Steele called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

Director Update:

Deb Gately, Director of Special Services – Deb announced that updates to the NPS website are completed and provided a visual of the new look. There was discussion about the information SEPAC would like on their webpage. SEPAC board will follow up in gathering this information. Deb suggested putting this ask on SEPAC's FaceBook page.

(The director's full report is attached to these minutes.)

Open House Dates:

It was decided for this year to have a SEPAC table at the NES (09/30/25) and NIS (10/09/25) open house events only. Deb will speak with the facilities department about set up. Laura, Suzanne and Sarah will work the tables and coordinate handouts and materials with Lora.

Future Meetings:

Next month will kick off this year's new format of holding SEPAC informational meetings and Uncommon Parents support group separately, alternating them each month, with Uncommon Parents being held at a place other than the school:

- October 15: Uncommon Parents gathering -- 6:00 PM at the Nantucket Culinary Center.
- November 20: SEPAC meeting – Basic Rights Workshop *(**Note**: Date has been moved from Nov 19th)*

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Kebbati, Recording Secretary

The SNAC is organized to empower parents, school staff and community professionals to collaborate in a positive decision making process to plan and implement educational programs for students with special needs.

The SNAC will support, guide, advocate, advise and educate parents, Nantucket schools, and the community on the rights and needs of children with disabilities and their families.

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Director's Report
ACK-SEPAC Meeting
Nantucket High School
September 17, 2025

Presented by - Deb Gately - Executive Director of Special Services

The Special Services Department underwent personnel changes over the summer of 2025

- Michelle Cadavid - former Coordinator of Special Education left in June.
- Courtney Rau Rogers - assumed her role as Coordinator of Special Education in August.
- Laura Ubaldino - transitioned to a new position in the department - Special Ed Liaison for Compliance, Out of District Liaison and Private School Liaison. She also provides academic support and instruction to private school students.

We have also engaged with contracted providers for the following positions:

- Teacher of the Visually Impaired (working at Nantucket Lighthouse School)
- School Psychologist
- Speech and Language Pathology Assistant (CPS/NHS)- starting 9/29
- NECC (New England Center for Children) - BCBA Consultants at NES & NIS
- Pathways to Inclusive Education - NES & NIS - to increase opportunities for high needs students.

Special Education Integrated Program Review - Corrective Action Results

Integrated Program Review Information Shared with Staff

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