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JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE (SESC) AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEPAC) MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025, 9:30 AM

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, CARLISLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND REMOTE ACCESS VIA ZOOM

Present – School Committee: Sharon Whitt, Lynette Kelleher
Present – School Administration/Personnel: Jim O'Shea, Superintendent; Val Gransewicz, Director of Student Support Services; Deb Bookis, Interim Vice Principal; Stephanie Schnieder, Preschool Teacher & CTA Vice President; Mary O'Regan, Assistant to the Superintendent
Present – SEPAC Members: Jessie Pescatore, Almudena Pacheco

Pursuant to Governor Healey's approved legislation, H. 62, a bill extending authorizations for all local boards, commissions, and committees to hold public meetings remotely or in a hybrid format Extended Timeline, amending Section 30A of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, most recently amended by Section 40 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, and replacing the current expiration date of "March 31, 2025" with "June 30, 2027." Therefore, this meeting of the Carlisle School Committee is being conducted via remote participation in order to ensure public access. Members of the public can access the meeting via live stream at:
Topic: SESC/SEPAC Meeting 12-4-25
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I. **Call to Order** - Ms. Whitt called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** - The meeting minutes from the 9.25.25 and 10.23.25 joint meetings were approved.

III. Carlisle's Targeted District Review Spring 2025

- Develop a Student Opportunity Act (SOA) plan and progress report - The primary goal of the SOA is to create a plan to close achievement gaps. The Carlisle District is looking at the gap between students and those identified with learning disabilities; however, measuring progress remains challenging due to the small size of this subgroup and limited available data. It was recommended that the SOA be refined to more closely align with district values by first developing an equity statement which would identify specific inequities and then create a progress report with clearly defined SMART goals and data points.
- Presentation of Academic progression (MCAS data) of students in special education - Mr. O'Shea explained that the presentation at the December School Committee meeting relied on MCAS data because it is readily available, standardized, and easy to track over time. The review of the data showed minimal year-to-year movement while also highlighting the limitations of relying solely on MCAS scores to measure progress. He shared that he continues to reach out to DESE to seek more meaningful data and to connect with districts that have demonstrated success in closing achievement gaps. The group also discussed alternative data sources that could be used to more effectively track student improvement data.

IV. Representation of the special education students in the school committee visions/goals

- Special education training of the current school committee and make this training mandatory for onboarding new school committee members - SEPAC is researching training opportunities that may be appropriate for School Committee members, including offerings from the Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN). It was noted that the School Committee has incorporated special education training into its goals for the current school year. SEPAC also plans to present at an upcoming School Committee.

  As time ran out, the remaining items were not addressed and will be moved to the agenda for a future meeting.

V. Implementation of the CPS Special Education school web page

VI. Strategic plan to capture the ongoing needs of SEPAC community

- Design a first survey during December to be sent out in the beginning of 2026

VII. ESY 2025 and Recreation/extracurricular activities for kids with higher needs

VIII. Public Comments - There were no public comments.

IX. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Regan
Assistant to the Superintendent
December 4, 2025

List of Documents Viewed and/or Reviewed
Joint SESC/SEPAC Meeting 9.25.25
Joint SESC/SEPAC Meeting 10.23.25