



# Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council (AB SpEd PAC)

Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

## Agenda

### I. Call to Order

### II. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of September 14, 2016, meeting minutes

### III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Special Education Director
- B. 2013-2014 Absenteeism Data for Students with Disabilities
- C. Challenge Success & Impact for Students with Disabilities
- D. 2016 MCAS Analysis
- E. Fall 2016 School Committee Presentation on October 20<sup>th</sup>—2015-2016 Staff Recognition/Teaching Excellence Award Presentation, Annual Goals, & Update
- F. Seek Candidates for Secretary & Elect New Officer(s)
- G. Speaker & Support Group Schedule
  1. Next Support Group Meeting Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3 p.m. at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Acton
  2. Cohosting with Student Services Jessica Minahan on Anxiety December 14<sup>th</sup>

### IV. New Business – Other topics on people's minds

### V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA performance for students with disabilities is weak
- B. Concerns about the process for combining outside specialists' recommendations with district evaluations/recommendations and appropriately incorporating those recommendations into the IEP
- C. Mandatory special education training/professional development for regular and special education staff – hiring dual-certified staff
- D. Enhanced Extended School Year, before-, and after-school programming
- E. Increased use of technology in IEP development, revision, & communication
- F. Out of District findings from 2015 parent/guardian survey counter overall positive trend
- G. Need for consistent K-12 executive functioning curriculum

### VI. Adjournment

*All AB SpEd PAC meetings are open to the public. We encourage parents of children with special needs and others interested in special education to attend. Please check our website ([www.abspedpac.org](http://www.abspedpac.org)) for information regarding upcoming events.*

### VII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library—  
Conflict with District Master Plan Study Report Community Presentation