



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

Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 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 and October 19, 2016, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Special Education Director
- B. 2016 MCAS Analysis Meeting with Student Services & Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning
- C. Challenge Success Presentation Summary
- D. Extended School Year Clarification RE: Qualifying & Programming Questions
- E. Mini Survey to Monitor Issues from 2015 Parent/Guardian Survey Findings
- F. Speaker & Support Group Schedule
 1. Next Support Group Meeting Saturday, November 19th, from 1-3 p.m. at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Acton
 2. Cohosting with ABRSD & Student Services Jessica Minahan on Anxiety December 14, 7-9 p.m. in the RJ Grey Auditorium

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

V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 3rd & 4th grade ELA performance vulnerable for students with disabilities
- 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) for information regarding upcoming events.

VII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library featuring ABRHS transition specialist Kate Sullivan