



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

Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 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 January, 13, 2016, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Special Education Director
- B. Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Search Update
- C. FY '17 Budget Update—Open Hearing Thursday, February 11th, at 7 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High Library
- D. Access to Resource Rooms During School Tours
- E. Obtaining Information about Certified Staff in Buildings (Orton-Gillingham, Etc.)
- F. Kids on the Block or Other Disability Awareness/Bullying Prevention Programs
- G. Next Parenting Support Hour 10:30 a.m. March 2nd at the Acton Memorial Library

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

V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4th grade ELA performance for students with disabilities is weak
- B. Futures Education findings RE: student to assistant ratios high by peer standards
- C. Concerns about the process for combining outside specialists' recommendations with district evaluations/recommendations and appropriately incorporating those recommendations into the IEP
- D. Mandatory special education training/professional development for regular and special education staff – hiring dual-certified staff
- E. Enhanced summer school and after school/extracurricular programming
- F. Increased use of technology in IEP development/revision process

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

Business meeting Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library