



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

Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 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 February 10, 2016, and March 9, 2016, meeting minutes
- III. Organization/Business Issues**
  - A. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Director of Special Education
  - B. Update on Progress toward PAC Goals for the Year
  - C. Executive Summary of 2015 Parent/Guardian Survey
  - D. Increasing Understanding of Disabilities Among General Education Staff
  - E. Obtaining Information about Certified Staff in Buildings (Orton-Gillingham, Etc.)
  - F. Next Parenting Support Hour 10:30 a.m. May 11 at the Acton Memorial Library
- 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. 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](http://www.abspedpac.org)) for information regarding upcoming events.*
- VII. Next Meeting**  
Business meeting Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library