



Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council

(AB SpEd PAC)

Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 15th, 2015, 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 24, 2014, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Update on Pupil Services Director Search
- B. Quarterly Meeting with Pupil Services
- C. Federation for Children with Special Needs Advancing Parent Professional Leadership in Education (APPLE) Institute
- D. Acton Town Meeting & School Committee Election Results
- E. Parenting Challenging Children Meeting May 12th at Concord's Fowler Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
- F. Dr. Jeff Bostic Presentation on Mental Health June 2nd in RJ Grey auditorium at 7 p.m.
- G. Updates on Other Goals & Priorities for 2014-15

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

V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4th and 7th 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
- G. Changes to School Committee procedures regarding the PAC

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, May 27th, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library