

# SEPAC Meeting

**15 October 2019 /9:23AM-10:40AM / COMMUNITY ROOM ROBBINS BUILDING**

## Attendees

LORI BRUCE, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES, M.ED

ANGELA RICHARDSON, CO-CHAIR SEPAC

KATE MAZZOLA, CO-CHAIR SEPAC

CARRIE PATEL, PARENT

ATARA KORIK, SECRETARY

MEREDITH BIELECKI, PUBLICITY

## Agenda

### New Business

1. Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2019 were reviewed and approved at 9:30 am. Meredith Bielecki made a motion to approve, Kate Mazzola 2nd the motion.
2. Introductions
3. Update on Survey about summer school and future SEPAC meetings
4. Kate and Angela discuss Back-to-School night
5. Federation Membership
6. Discuss terms of current board members
7. Solicit input for next SEPAC meeting

## MEETING MINUTES

### 1. Summer School Survey

- Angela R. has a draft of the survey.
- The group discussed layout options for survey, should it be broken up into sections or continuously flow?
- Agreement was made to not break up into sections.
- Kate M. asked if summer tutoring is even still an option? Lori B. answered no, there is too much involved to have it off school premises. Therefore, tutoring would be held at school, so it would make more sense to just have the summer school classes.

- Lori B. asked if we could add a comment section for people to add more information.
- Five weeks for three days a week is the plan for summer school.
- Information was sent out too late last year.
- Starting a new program this year and there is already a plan in place.
- There was mention of Concord and other districts cutting their programs for summer school.
- Summer school will be theme and play based.
- Angela R. asked a question about communication about summer school. What would parents like to see in Carlisle summer school?
- Kate M. asked if summer school is open to the whole school. Lori B. answered yes. It will be free for children who qualify on IEP. They must show regression over a break. For those who do not qualify, there will be a fee for summer school.
- The benchmarks according to Lori B. are two grade levels below current grade, regression over a break.
- Summer school will be added onto the IEP of every student who qualifies during the school year.
- Survey monkey will be forwarded to Lori A. for distribution.
- Will wait two weeks for results of surveys.

## **2. Back to School Night**

- Kate M. said it was raining, people were running late. Most questions were about directions.
- Carrie P. said they had samples at the PTO table, parents didn't show much interest.
- There were three tables, PTO, Spaghetti Super and SEPAC. The locations weren't great and it was confusing why the tables were there.
- Angela R. also said there was not a lot of interest. A suggestion on maybe not manning the table and just having flyers out was made. Maybe pizza?
- In general there was a low turn out for all.
- PTO needs help. Parents are not aware of what the PTO does.
- Maybe SEPAC and PTO can team up to help each other out.

## **3. SEPAC Board Member Terms, Federation Membership**

- We are members of the Federation. We hold a plus membership level.
- A time and date needs to be organized for parents rights presentation.
- There are many benefits that come with the membership, various list serves, one free conference.
- We can also reach out to other districts to group together for conferences.
- Lori B. will take care of the invoice.
- Kate asked Meredith to reach out to the Carlisle Family Connection (families with kids 5 and under). Meredith will reach out to them about Fed. Parents rights. Advertise the SEPAC meetings to them and they can also meet Lori B.
- A parent raised a question about preschools and private outside help. How do they identify needs? The question was answered some preschools are better than others at identifying needs.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am

### **Action Items**

1. Lori B. will send out updated notes.
2. Confirm positions for next term.
3. Meredith will reach out to CFC.

### **Next Meeting Agenda**

1. Possible workshops
2. Summer School Survey Monkey
3. SEPAC Board member terms
4. Solicit input for next SEPAC meeting