

Westwood Special Education Parent Advisory Council

220 Nahatan St, Westwood, MA 02090

Minutes-Westwood SEPAC General Meeting: March 27, 2017

Welcome and Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves and answered the question, "why am I here".

Thank you to Polly and Michelle who were not present-Flowers and cards to be dropped off.

Presentation by Abigail Hanscom, Director of Student Services regarding eligibility categories and update on the district budget process. Abby also gave us an update on the Westwood superintendent search.

Megan Brenk asked attendees to consider open board positions to be vote on at the May meeting.

President-Megan Brenk

Co-President Nominee-Meggan Flaherty

Secretary Nominee- Angela Pomarole

Co-Secretary Nominee-Open

Treasurer Nominee-Open (Currently have \$1,400 in bank account, fundraising?, scholarship?)

Board will meet over the summer to rewrite the by-laws, mission statement, set the calendar and talk about programming for next year.

Megan also asked attendees to consider participating in one or more of the following ways:

School Liaison: Communicate SEPAC meetings and events with your child's school in the newsletter, PTO Facebook page, etc.

Lead a support group: Feel free to start a disability or age specific support group that meets separate from regular SEPAC meetings.

Locate and help book speakers

Identify funding for speakers and future scholarships

School Committee Liaison: Attend school committee meetings as an official SEPAC representative. Liz Nicosia and Cris Diaz volunteered to help with this.

Reminder-April 10 Social-Victory Grille, Dedham

Next SEPAC Meeting-May 16th, 7:00p. Speaker: Rachel Kalinsky, Beyond Book Smart-Executive Function Skills: The Key to Defusing Homework Battles. All Westwood parents invited!