

**JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE (SESC)  
AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEPAC) MEETING  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023, 9:00 AM**

Present – School Committee via Zoom: Amanda Comperchio, Sharon Whitt  
Present – School Administration/Personnel: Jim O’Shea, Superintendent; Lori Bruce, Director of Student Support Services; Linda Vanaria, Teacher and CTA President; Mary O’Regan, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Present – SEPAC Members via Zoom: Meredith Bielecki, Sessa Gadey, Lynette Kelleher, Melissa Suderman

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Topic: SESC/SEPAC Meeting 5-11-23

Time: May 11, 2023 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

**II. Review of 2022-2023 School Year**

There was consensus that holding joint meetings every other month improved communications. Setting a schedule at the beginning of the year of the joint meetings worked well. School Committee elections will be held next week and two new members will be joining the committee. Subcommittee appointments for the School Committee will not take place right away. It was suggested that Meredith Bielecki and/or Sessa Gadey give a presentation outlining the role of SEPAC at the June School Committee meeting prior to subcommittee appointments.

It was also noted that the podcast discussion was very informative and positive. For next year it was suggested that a similar event be scheduled or follow-up on the current status of literacy instruction in the district. Both SESC and SEPAC members would like to continue holding professional development activities.

**III. Planning for 2023-2024 School Year**

In the summer of 2022 SESC and SEPAC held a planning meeting in late July that was very productive. It was determined that a similar meeting will be scheduled for the summer of 2023. Mr. O’Shea will send out a Doodle Poll regarding dates after the June School Committee meeting. During the planning meeting focus will be on finding avenues to support parents and provide resources.

There was a brief discussion regarding the regulations surrounding posting meeting agendas and the difference between subcommittee meetings versus full school committee meetings.

It was suggested that for joint meetings during the 23-24 school year an item/topic be identified to discuss at each meeting. Efforts will be made to make parents aware that they are allowed to join meetings and make public comments. During the summer planning meeting a list of topics will be created.

SEPAC will continue to hold coffee chats and line up speakers for presentations for the 23-24 school year.

SEPAC would also like to collaborate with the DEIB and DEICAC during the upcoming school year to hold listening sessions and provide community education surrounding students with disabilities and inclusion. There was discussion about incorporating personal stories of older students and parents who would be willing to share their experiences.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **V. Adjourn**

Ms. Whitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Comperchio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary O'Regan  
Assistant to the Superintendent  
May 11, 2023