

Win-PAC Board Meeting
November 14, 2018

Roll Call

Notice having been given in accordance with the requirements of law, a meeting of the Win-PAC was convened on November 14, 2018 at Parkhurst School, 40 Samoset Rd., Winchester, MA, Pam Girouard's office.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Stacey Irizarry, Co-Chair
Michelle Bergstrom, Co-Chair
Kathy Iatrou
Zeina Marchant, School Cmte Rep
Pam Girouard
Fran Wolfe
Karen Caputo, McCall Parent Rep
And 2 other parent reps

Public Comment:

No one was in attendance for public comment.

First reading of new bylaws:

We only have 2 official board members now. We have 2 open positions: Secretary and Events Chair. We want more community outreach with crossover events to get all parents promoting inclusion.

Minor typos were fixed. We will vote on them at the December 19th meeting.

Update from Friends of PAC:

Kathy will look into getting us an update on 501c3 status for Friends. She has received from Lincoln, Ambrose, and Lynch funds. We now have \$2,146.86 in our account. We are looking into partnering with organizations like Parent-to-Parent.

Update on Website:

We are working on updating our website to make it transferable. We need to get a working group to work on website content. We agreed to use the logo created by Raegan McCain.

Report from Director:

Pam Girouard explained that 504s do not fall under Special Education. IEPs are under IDEA. 504s are under disability federal law. We want families with 504s to join PAC. Jason Levine is in charge of 504s. IEP doesn't need a diagnosis. You have to fall under a disability category. It's about whether the student is substantially

meeting educational goals. For 504s, the question is whether the disability impacts a major life activity.

504s are team-based, building-based decisions and could include testing. At the middle and high schools, guidance counselors administer 504s. They need a diagnosis or documentation to state that you have a disability that impacts a major life function. Aspen allows student's history to be available. Parent liaisons are Win-PAC's and the Special Education Department's ambassadors.

Next Meetings and Upcoming Events:

On December 11th, at 7pm in the Waterfield Room at Town Hall, there is an event called Financial Planning for Special Education Families: The Real Lives Law. We are working to schedule another event in January. We are still working on getting a date from the Federation for the Basic Rights Workshop.

Our next board meetings:

December 19th at 10:30am

January 16th at 10:30am

February 27th at 10:30am

March 20th at 10:30am

Documents:

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Stacey Irizarry and seconded by Michelle Bergstrom. Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.