

**Nashoba Special Education Parents Advisory Council (SEPAC)
Business Meeting
Tues. April 13, 2021
7 p.m.**

Present: Pam Duggan, Lindsey Dyda, Katie Giannetti, Christine Collins, Michele Powell, Jackie Spataro, Charlene Cabral, Jenny Blounts

Meeting Minutes (taken by Jenny Blounts)

1. Call to order/introductions
2. Review and approve [minutes from 3/16 meeting](#).
 - a. Move to approve: Pam D. / Second: Christine C.
 - b. **Unanimously approved.**
3. New Business: ELECTIONS.
 - a. Nominations for those running for office [**Charlene moved to vote in as a slate--unanimously approved**]
 - i. Michele Powell → high school liaison + treasurer
 - ii. Colleen Goldstein (not present) → social media rep
 - iii. Charlene Cabral → Chair
 - iv. Jenny Blounts → Stow liaison + Secretary
 - v. Pam Duggan → Bolton liaison
 - vi. Christine Collins → Luther Burbank (Lancaster) liaison

[slate of officers is unanimously approved with 8 votes]
4. Discussion/updates on SEPAC projects:
 - a. Superintendent search (Lindsey Dyda)
 - i. She is representative on the committee as a special education parent
 - ii. SEPAC parents are welcome to send Lindsey feedback/questions and we can share her email address
 - b. Support groups
 - i. Pilot support groups at next parent social in May
 - ii. Use Zoom to create breakout rooms by disability/topic: *autism, dyslexia, out of district placement, genetic disorders, anxiety/social-emotional.*
 - iii. Michele can make a flyer for the social.
 - c. Accommodations list
 - i. Create a shared resource with a list of accommodations--[Jenny will start the doc](#) with some of Katie's accommodation ideas
 - ii. People can send ideas to Charlene or Jenny and they will add them to the document

d. SEPAC Appreciation Awards

- i. [Draft of nomination form](#)
- ii. Charlene will check about how to distribute the form to the community--send to Kathy T., share via social media, etc.
- iii. We will see what we get back in terms of nominations, and figure out how to distribute the acknowledgements (on the agenda for our May business meeting)

e. Awareness drives

- i. Lots of success "lighting it up blue" throughout all three towns
- ii. Idea to put together a list of "awareness dates" for various topics--suggestions for how to acknowledge these dates; including topics around mental health awareness; keeping the entire district unified
- iii. Pam will put together a calendar of awareness months/dates

f. Fundraising

- i. Ideas for making money for the SEPAC: partnering with Best Buddies (ie, babysitting), CafePress t-shirt drives

5. Business for next meeting/reminders.

- a. Next business meeting is May 11→ discuss appreciation awards
- b. Next parent social is May 18 [pilot for disability-specific support groups]

6. Close business meeting.