

SEPAC Meeting Notes

May 18, 2004

Attendees

Karen Lynch, Gina Andress, Steve Boffoli, Claire Piccorelli, Beatrice Moffett, Bonnie Marshall, Elizabeth DiPrete, Susan Bator, Latifa Derasmo, Michelle Colicci, Jim Fedigan, AnnMarie Rymer, Ray Healey

Speaker: Jim Drohan, School District's Attorney; firm of Donahue, Thomas, Auslander and Drohan

A Q&A session focused on the reauthorization of IDEA and the proposed changes in manifestation determination, full-funding of IDEA, Due Process, attorney fees, NCLB and its impact on parents and school district.

Elections

The election officers, Steve and Claire took a vote and the following were officially voted in by voting members: Karen Lynch, chair; Steve Boffoli, co-chair; Gina Andress, secretary

Local Diploma Issue

Karen read letter that was presented to the BOE May 10 meeting. Karen suggested creating a subcommittee on curriculum instruction to serve as a liaison to Dr. Yaeger office.

SEPAC Report of 4/20 Update

Put off 'til next SEPAC meeting (Ray had left for another meeting)

PTA Council

Gina reported on activity at last PTA Council meeting. She suggested we plan an awareness campaign for early next year with PTAs at each school.

April 20 meeting notes were approved

President's comments

Karen informed members to refrain from sending emails with opinions. The distribution list will be used for informational purpose [only](#). If anyone has doubt about sending an email, the suggestion is to forward it to Karen for recommendation. Karen thanked everyone for attending and voting.

New Business

Discussed suggestions for next year: POAC speaker, forums on specific topic such as autism, summer camp/planning. Steve will let Karen know when to get on Agenda for autism subcommittee update and POAC speaker item. Also discussed member recruitment – doing a parent survey and adding a question on when is a good time to meet for members/potential members.

Issues brought up:

- A child missing speech because the therapist is on medical leave. Karen took the information and will handle.
- Child having had different teachers recently. Ray said there was a shift in personnel as a result of union requirement at Myers.
- A child's program was not being followed. Ray asked for parent to meet with him and give him specifics – he would handle.