



ASEPAC February 16,2017
Hyman Fine Elementary School

790 Oakhill Ave.
Attleboro, MA 02703

MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION

February 16,2017

6:30p.m.-7pm parent support 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. general meeting
Hyman Fine Elementary School Library

PRESENT AT MEETING: see attached sign in sheet

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angela Ferreira: chairperson
Susan Akell: co-chairperson
Julie Doxsey: Public Relations coordinator
Becky Nunes: Treasurer
Michelle Brouillard: Workshop coordinator

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Akell

6:30pm-7pm. Parents and caregivers are given the opportunity to discuss specific questions and concerns with ASEPAC board members. Due to privacy regulations these specific concerns are not recorded in the minutes.

7:00pm GENERAL MEETING:

Angela Ferreira:

Welcome attendees, please remember to sign in

Introduce board members present at the meeting

ASEPAC. Who is ASEPAC. Any one whom attends at least one meeting is an ASEPAC member. Members voices and participation matter. Members are encouraged to reach out and share resources, ideas and communication their concerns and positive experiences. Can communicate through various means such as email, Facebook and voice mail.

Next ASEPAC meeting is Thursday March 16, 2017 with 6:30pm-7:00pm parent support 7:00pm-9:00 presentation on PBIS presented by APS staff. What is it and how is it used?

Still seeking volunteer for secretary position.

Subcommittees:

ASEPAC Recognition Award Program: encourage anyone who wants to recognize staff who work with special education students and real stand out and want to acknowledge those efforts, to submit the individual once the award submissions time period is open. The winning individual will be recognized at a school committee meeting.

Disability Awareness Fair: approval for event. It's in beginning stages of planning. The goal is for students to get a glimpse of what it's like to have a disability in an educational setting with things like mobility, sensory, vision and attentional issues.

ASEPAC bylaws: just something that needs to be done. They need to be updated as it has been quite a long time.

Apple Institute Conference: Being held April 11th-13th 2017. It's a conference for SEPAC parents and school administration to build strategies regarding working collaboratively.

Volunteer sign up sheets , information and books along with light refreshments are located at sign in table. Reminder to sign in.

Introduction: Jay O'Brien from Exceptional Lives

PRESENTATION: Exceptional Lives is a non profit informational free online resource service. Jay has 10 years experience with Special Olympics of Massachusetts. Jay met another grad student, whose child has CP. They found parents struggle to find all the information and resources in one place when dealing with a child with special needs. It's overwhelming and isolating when trying to go through the journey. Exceptional Lives has worked extensively to create a resource where a few questions about the individual person are answered and then individual guides for all different topics are created for the individual.

Watched 2 short videos. 1 video was a quick video highlighting what exceptional lives was all about. Another video highlighted the website and ran through the guidebooks that could be created and how to navigate the site itself. You can build individual guides, with a to do check list and information about each step. Create an account and you can save the guides and change and update as needed. They are currently working on a "find a resource" location platform.

Attendees then had an opportunity to sign on and use the website.

DISCUSSION AND Q&A: Jay visited with parents and listened to feedback

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

Motion made to adjourn. Seconded. Vote yes 5 no 0. Motion passed

ADJOURNED: 8:46pm

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