



ASEPAC January 19,2017

***MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION***

January 19,2017

6:30p.m.-7pm parent support 7:00p.m.-9pm general meeting

Hyman Fine Elementary School Library

790 Oakhill Avenue

Attleboro MA 03703

***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 meeting

Reminder on January 24th 2017 there is a grade 8 special education transition night for parents from 6:30-8:30. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to gain valuable information about their student's transition to high school.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 screening of the film “ Most Likely to Succeed” at Attleboro High School. The screening is open to all. Following the film there will be discussion on the direction of education as a whole and also as pertaining to Attleboro.

The annual Visions of community conference will be held Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Seaport hotel trading center in Boston. It's a great conference with excellent workshops including keynote speaker Paula Kluth. More information regarding the conference is located on our info table.

ASEPAC will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the Attleboro High School boy's basketball game on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Come support the team and ASEPAC at the same time.

Next ASEPAC meeting is Thursday February 16th 6:30pm-7:00pm parent support 7:00pm-9:00 presentation : Exceptional Lives Safety Plan Workshop- personalized guides to help navigate creating an effective IEP, optimize health insurance( masshealth), applying for SSI.

Quick review of remaining monthly meetings.

Still seeking volunteer for secretary position.

Seeking parent volunteers for the following sub committees:

- 1) update ASEPAC bylaws( need 3-4 volunteers)
- 2) ASEPAC Recognition Award Program(3-4 volunteers)
- 3) Disability Awareness Fair( 5-6 volunteers)
- 4)Apple Institute Conference Aril 11th-13th

2017(looking for 1 more parent)

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

Open call to all ASEPAC members to share any info, resources, conferences or good news.

**PRESENTATION**: How Big Is The Problem? & Tools for your coping toolbox. Presented by Carolyn Wnuk, LICSW and Hillary Taglienti, M. Ed. From Compass Social Skills & Counseling. Presentation including categorizing the criteria from tiny to huge problems. A few hands on visual crafts to visualize coping strategies. Discussed stress and anxiety and ways people cope.

**DISCUSSION AND Q&A** Attendees gave very positive feedback regarding the presentation and their takeaways from the presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS**: none

**NEW BUSINESS**: Becky submitted a treasurer's report for January.. Motion made to accept the report as submitted. Seconded .vote 5-0 motion passed.( see attached report)

Motion to accept minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 as submitted. Seconded. Vote 5 yes 0 no. Motion passed.

**Motion to adjourn, seconded. Vote 5-0 ADJOURNED** 9:12pm

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