



## **ASEPAC General Meeting March 2018**

### **MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:**

Wednesday March 28, 2018  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Wamsutta Middle School  
300 Locust Street  
Attleboro, MA 02703

**PRESENT AT MEETING:** See attached sign-in sheet

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Angela Ferreira: Chairperson  
Susan Akell: Co-chairperson  
Michelle Brouillard: Workshop Coordinator  
Julie Doxsey: Public Relations Coordinator  
Heather Jutras: Secretary

**Recording secretary:** Heather Jutras

### **6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

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.

### **7:00 p.m. General Meeting:**

#### **Handouts:**

Understanding Basic Rights in Special Education  
Federation for Children with Special Needs demographic data collection form  
Federation for Children with Special Needs workshop evaluation form  
Writing guide for the IEP

#### **Angela Ferreira:**

Welcome attendees, please sign in.

The presenter for tonight had to cancel, we will show a webinar recorded by the Federation for Children with Special Needs on Basic Rights in Special Education.

Make sure you have a copy of the presentation

Introduction of board members

Join the board, we are looking for a new co-chair, during the April meeting ballots will be handed out.

You are a member of the ASEPAC – all voices matter, make your voice heard.

Certificates of attendance are available after the presentation for those who would like one. Index cards are on the table, please tell us how you found out about the ASEPAC and any topics that you are interested in learning more about, please put index cards in the bucket on the resource table.

Ways to communicate with the ASEPAC were reviewed

There are two meetings left for this school year, April 25<sup>th</sup> Transition Planning and Expected Practices for the 14–22-year-old student and May 9<sup>th</sup> officer elections and extended school year Q&A.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> students in the 12+ program have organized a Light it Up Blue campaign, all students in the program will wear blue and post autism facts around the high school.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm the ASEPAC will present to the Studley Elementary PTO.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> the ASEPAC will host the Abilities Awareness event at Wamsutta Middle school for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, the ASEPAC is looking for volunteers to help with this event.

The Make A Difference award nomination process will start next week and go through the month of April. An award ceremony will be held on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> in the Attleboro High School Media Center.

The Special Olympics day games will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the ASEPAC will have a table at the event.

There are copies of the draft of the new Special Education Program Description Guide near the computers, please take a look at the guide and fill out the computer survey with your thoughts.

**Ivone Medeiros:**

The 12+ students put together information about Down Syndrome day and the Light is Up Blue campaign, they will be putting informational posters out during the month of April.

E-mails will go out with the program description guide draft, please take a look at it and fill out the survey, we would appreciate your feedback.

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

**Presentation:**

Basic Rights in Special Education webinar, presented by Elizabeth Topaz from The Federation for Children with Special Needs

Copy of presentation is attached – Understanding Basic Rights in Special Education

Question and Answer time

Collection of evaluation forms

**Motions:**

Motion made to approve a purchase order to the Attleboro CTE program for \$110.00, \$70 for a sheet cake and \$40 for coffee for the Make a Difference Award ceremony. Seconded. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No, Motion passes

Motion made to accept the Bridge Builder grant from the Martin Richard Foundation in the amount of \$500.00. Seconded. Vote 5 Yes 0 No, Motion passes

Motion made to approve a purchase order to The Master Teacher in the amount of \$78.98 to pay for the awards for the Make a Difference award ceremony. Seconded. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No, Motion passes

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm