



ASEPAC BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:

Tuesday November 7, 2017
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Bliss Brothers Dairy
711 Park Street
Attleboro Ma 02703

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

HAND OUTS:

Treasures report
SEPAC contact information

OPEN FORUM:

No members presented to speak

BUSINESS:

Motion made to approve minutes from the September 28th and October 11th 2017 general meeting. Seconded. Vote 5 yes 0 no. Motion passed

Motion made to approve the July 31, 2017 board meeting minutes. Seconded. Vote 5 yes 0 no. Motion passed

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Will defer approval of treasures report until board can check with treasurer about some questions.

Angela will hold onto the monies from the family fun event \$160.00 and paint and pour event \$323.00 for deposit after the December fund raiser.

Waiting for purchase order for \$150.00 from Federation of Children with Special Needs for October general meeting presentation.

Angela will ask Becky about AAC grant submission
Discussion of the Rotary grant is deferred
Discussion of the Baily's Team grant is deferred

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Middle School Transition Team is not an active committee this school year

Special Education Sub-Committee will have first meeting on November 14th, all spots on the committee should be filled.

Ability Awareness Fair, the special education director was going to reach out to school staff to try to get more staff volunteers. ASEPAC will touch base with special education director at next meeting to see how things went. ASEPAC may reach out to the middle school principals to find out what their opinions and expectations of an Abilities Awareness fair are.

Angela will reach out to the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent to see if there is a way the Ability Awareness Fair can be brought to each middle school.

If only one middle school is able to host an Ability Awareness fair the ASEPAC would like to hold it at Wamsutta Middle School.

Awaiting administration feedback from Special Education Director about bringing a SAFE sexuality education course to the school for special education students.

Volunteers are needed for the ASEPAC Make a Difference award

Need to come up with questions for the Make a Difference award

Add a spot to the submission forms requesting permission to publish letters that are submitted

Change the venue for this year's award presentations (library?)

Add different categories for the awards

Ask high school culinary program to make a cake with the ASEPAC logo on it for awards ceremony

Should form a Make a Difference award sub-committee and have an early January meeting

Check with AACS to ask them to film award ceremony

The Apple Institute conference is being held on May 3rd and 4th in Framingham MA, ASEPAC board will discuss conference at the next board meeting

The visions of Community Conference given by the Federation of Children with Special Needs will be held on March 10, 2018. Registration is free with MAPAC membership, if a board member is unable to attend spot can be offered to a staff member

Might make a trifold type handout for Early Intervention to include with their transition information, trifold would have information about SEPAC's and instruct readers to contact their local school district to find out more information. Trifold would be a one-time thing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Michelle will reserve the Balfour room at the library for the February 28th Jessica Minahan presentation.

Need to reserve a person for February's general meeting on bullying. ASEPAC will reach out to MA Advocates and also reach out locally to secure a presenter.

ASEPAC needs to reserve a presenter for the April 25 2018 general meeting on transition planning for ages 14 – 22. Angela will reach out to Leslie Leslie or possibly check into partnering with other local SEPAC's. Michele will reach out to MA Advocates to see what the cost would be for them to do both the February and April presentations.

The ASEPAC will not be participating in The Harlem Wizards event this year

The regional SEPAC needs to find a new place to hold meetings

The next meeting is January 9, 2018

NEW BUSINESS:

The Araujo Farms wreath making fund raising event is scheduled for Friday December 1st

Julie will get more information and make up a flyer

Each board member will bring a dish to share for snacks

Board members will put together raffle items for event

The Special Olympics school games are being held after kindergarten students and high school seniors are out of school for the year. The ASEPAC is concerned that kindergarten students and high school seniors will not attend because of being out of school.

Discussion of agenda items for next meeting with the Special Education Director on November 21st.

Maybe Director of Special Education can invite Special Olympics Massachusetts school games coordinator to meeting.