

SEPAC MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2018

Attendees:

Noelle Bisinger
Pennie Bigelow
Nancy Scully
Kate Gregoire
Ammie Davis

- One new member joined the committee, however, she was unavailable to attend this evening.
- We are still trying to increase membership and get more parents involved. Another goal is to hold these meetings more frequently in the future. We are considering adding student members to the committee next fall for at least one meeting. We are open to having both special education and typical peer student members. An upper classman would be preferred.
- The Interact Club participated in a Mothers Matter event where they packaged baskets for needy mothers.
- CST Staffing: Noelle Bisinger was approved as Supervisor of Special Education in March. We have hired a new school psychologist who will begin in June. Pat Porreca, who was an interim director, is beginning to phase out.
- ESY was approved at the last board meeting. Our program will run July 9th to August 2nd at Haviland Avenue School, Monday to Thursday.
- New construction on the playground is scheduled to begin at the preschool this summer. We had the opportunity to have input and the playground will have some adaptive equipment.
- IEP Revamp Initiative: Goals and objectives were overhauled to make them more meaningful and useful. Staff is currently using them and have been pleased with the product.
- Mrs. Gregoire: She will be a special education liaison to the PTA at Haviland. There will also be a liaison for the preschool. She feels that she is experiencing a little resistance. She is suggesting having an "Inclusion Week" and a "Choose Kind" campaign over the course of the school year.
- Ms. Bisinger shared that the schools have some positive support programs that focus on kindness, inclusiveness and positivity.
- Mrs. Davis thought Cara Novick had done something in the past to highlight what it was like to have a disability. Typically that type of presentation would be spearheaded by the guidance departments in each of the buildings.
- This will probably be the last SEPAC meeting this year. We will resume again early next year.
- Mrs. Gregoire would like guidance on how to improve communication with her son's therapists.