



Wayland SEPAC

Wayland Special Education Parent Advisory Council

What is the Wayland SEPAC?

The Wayland Special Education Parent Advisory Council advises the Wayland Public School District on special education matters, based on parent feedback. In addition, it is a network for parents, guardians, and caregivers of children identified with a disability that provides a forum to share information and discuss matters of relative interest and concern regarding our children. Voting members are parents and guardians of children on a 504 or IEP, but others are welcome. In Massachusetts, the SEPAC is a state mandated all-volunteer parent organization.

Mission

The purpose of the Wayland SEPAC is to foster the understanding of and respect and support for all students with special education needs who are enrolled in the Wayland Public Schools District (the “District”) or reside in Wayland pursuant to Chapter 71B of the Massachusetts General Laws and 603 CMR, 28.07 (4) and act in an advisory capacity to, and facilitate communication to and from, the District.

Core values:

We strive to promote an innovative educational environment in which students with special education needs have equal access to educational opportunities and a school environment where all children are encouraged to reach their potential. We meet regularly with school and District administrators and the School Committee to participate in planning, developing, and evaluating the District’s special education programs.

How SEPAC can help

The SEPAC aims to help parents and guardians by:

- Updating parents about the collaborative work between the Wayland SEPAC and the Wayland Public Schools
- Fostering a community network in which parents of students receiving special education services are supported with appropriate resources that will help them to make informed educational decisions
- Informing community members about the SEPAC’s forthcoming resources, workshops and social events

Come join us!

The Wayland SEPAC holds bimonthly meetings from September through June. In addition to SEPAC meetings, we hold resource workshops and informal gatherings for parents. Please visit our website at waylandsepac.com or write to us at waylandsepac@gmail.com for special education updates and information on events.

Ways to get involved with SEPAC

- Attend a SEPAC meeting
- Attend an upcoming social or workshop
- Visit the Wayland SEPAC website for updates at waylandsepac.com
- Contact us at waylandsepac@gmail.com for other ways to get involved! We are currently offering a weekly Wednesday night check-in,
- Join one of our committees - event planning, community resources, school liaisons, or technology

We have liaisons for each school who act as a contact person for SEPAC and give school specific information. If you are new to special education or SEPAC or would like to connect with a SEPAC parent in your particular school or program, please feel free to reach out to your school liaison.

SEPAC Board Members & Liaisons

Anne-Louise Klaus & Katy Andrus, Co-Chair
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Katy Cavallo & Orla Daunt, WHS Liaison
Brooke Amato, Out of District Liaison

We are currently seeking a METCO program Liaison or Liaison(s). Please contact us at waylandsepac@gmail.com, if you're interested!

We would love to connect with you and hope you will join us soon!

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