



Wayland SEPAC

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February 2, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Wayland Town Building

School Committee Meeting Room

41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 529 033 9939

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SEPAC Board Members Present: Co-chair Katelyn Andrus, Co-chair Courtney Conery, Co-secretary Stephanie Holender, Co-secretary Christina Rodrigo, Treasurer Gayle Gledhill, Technology Lisa Bagley, Community Resources Julie Kannell, Events Michelle Galicia

School Administration Present: Dr. B.J. Cataldo

8 participants on zoom, 21 total present in room

1. **Call to Order:** 7:34
2. **SEPAC Board Members to approve meeting minutes from 12/07/22 meeting by roll call vote.** The Board unanimously approved the minutes.
3. **District Update:** Dr. B.J. Cataldo reported the School Committee has accepted the proposed special education costs for next year's budget, but the finance committee has not yet voted on the proposed budget.
 - The extended school year (ESY) letters will go out in February and will go out in IEPs as well. The goal of ESY is to prevent regression or to address lack of progress. ESY may look different this summer. For example, there may be tutoring from 8-9 am as an option, so children can also attend other camps/programs. Pegasus is also being discussed for ESY options.
 - Kelly Young came on board 6 weeks ago in the ILC program.
 - Working with Landmark consultant to explore curriculum for Language Based Classroom (LBC) at Claypit. Looking for ways to include more students in this program moving forward.
 - BCBA- The district has contracted with Kevin Russo at Arise to fill in while the district BCBA is on leave. BJ has worked with him in four other districts during the last twenty years.
 - Assisted technology- Exploring a contract for next year with the Coddling school.
 - APE (Adaptive physical education) teacher at Claypit, Shelley Fraser, had to take a medical leave and will be returning mid- March. The position will be covered in her absence.
 - Parents asked questions about students who have transferred into Wayland with



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IEPs, asking if the schools are making appropriate placements for these children.

4. **Survey Update:** (Lisa Bagley/Cathy Davies) Working group has gone through content and has made format edits on the survey. The team is currently testing the survey. It takes 15-20 minutes on average for someone to complete the survey. The launch is March 1st. Team looking for assistance to help market/ promote the survey.
5. **Events Update:** Courtney reminded everyone the Basic Rights Training from the Federation of Children with Special Needs: Understanding the IEP is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023, 7:00-9:00 p.m. via Zoom and encouraged all to register to attend. She also encouraged parents to visit the Federation's website to find many more free workshops.
6. **Co-Chair Announcements** (Katy Andrus/Courtney Conery)
 - **Just Like Me Program** - Courtney reported that Wayland schools will be restarting the Just Like me program. SEPAC is not running this program. Elizabeth Wuerz from Claypit Hill PTO is organizing volunteers for the district to help to bring this to all three elementary schools. The program is called Understanding Our Differences based out of Newton public schools. 3rd grade will attend a program on Deafness and hard of hearing. 4th grade will attend a program on Learning differences. The program has been updated to address some concerns about some content being antiquated or not current. Dr. Cataldo will serve as the speaker for the Learning Differences unit. Parent volunteers will be recruited to assist during the workshops and parents will receive training. The program is highly scripted to help make the program run in an inclusive way. Some parents expressed concerns with the program. Courtney said she would bring these concerns to Elizabeth's attention.
 - **Communications volunteer(s) needed for annual surveys and general SEPAC business** - Courtney noted that the SEPAC is seeking communications volunteer(s) to help with the annual surveys and general SEPAC business. This person would help post things to the website, send letters to members, and make social media posts. Anyone interested should reach out to Courtney or Katy.
 - **Literacy Working Group Formation** - Courtney asked if there was interest in forming a literacy working group to explore the current curriculum in the district and learn how the district will implement the new Dyslexia screening guidelines. Michelle Galicia offered to assist with this.
 - **New official [SEPAC Facebook](#) page.** Please "Like" us! Courtney encouraged everyone to check out the new page and like.
7. **Questions/Unanticipated items.** None.
8. **Adjourn formal meeting, end Zoom.** 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.