

Wayland SEPAC

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

Wayland Town Building

School Committee Meeting Room

41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA

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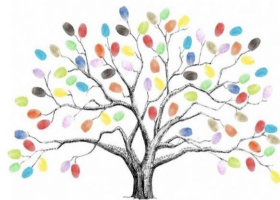
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Minutes

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. 21 people in attendance in person and Zoom
 - b. Board members present: Katy Andrus, Courtney Conery, Stephanie Hollender, Christina Rodrigo, Julie Kannel, Michelle Galicia, Lisa Bagley, Katie Riffle
 - c. Dr. Cataldo absent due to METCO meeting in Boston
2. **SEPAC Board Members approved meeting minutes from 02/02/23 meeting unanimously**
3. **Special Ed Updates:** (Provided By SEPAC Co-Chairs)
 - a. **District Update provided by Katy Andrus**
 - i. Parents raised concerns at the need for further transparency and rebuilding trust. Emails to BCBA received an auto reply, as opposed to BCBA leave being communicated from the district. Dr. Cataldo is working with Dr. Graham for seamless transition to continue on where Dr. Easy left off for SPED.ESY: those conversations have started, letters have gone out, and a handful of letters are still to go out.
 - ii. OOD coordinator is being hired for FT, current person is PT. Should be a permanent hire. SPED director position being reposted as interim role (legal requirement) for next year.
 - iii. Finance committee wants to cut \$600k from school budget, most cuts would be from SPED budget.
 - b. **ILC Update provided by Katy Andrus**
 - i. Katy and Courtney met with Dr. Easy and Dr. Cataldo to discuss ILC and systematic breakdown that occurred, and to ensure there are policies in place if there is a change in staff to know how these programs are run. Timeline has shifted for policy document now that Dr. Easy is on leave. Dr. Cataldo is still hoping to complete the document but needs Dr. Graham's sign off.
4. **Survey Update:** (Lisa Bagley)
 - a. Thanks to Lisa, Cathy, Michelle for writing it. It's active, so please take it. It's shorter than in past years. This year all Wayland parents are asked to complete a survey for every child, trying to capture people that don't know that there are ways to raise concerns about your student's progress.



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5. **Events Update:** (Courtney Conery)
 - a. **Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP**
Thursday, March 9, 2023, 7:00-9:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - b. Parent Support Groups - seeking hosts for LB/dyslexia, ADHD, ASD. Email Courtney to host.
 - c. SEPAC parent social - likely in April.

6. **Liaison Update: (Courtney)**
 - a. Attend PTO meetings - SEPAC will now be on Agendas monthly
 - b. School Newsletters
 - c. Meet with school administration and key SPED staff

7. **Co-Chair Announcements (Katy Andrus/Courtney Conery)**
 - a. Just Like Me Program Update: Now called "Understanding our differences," the units will be deafness/hard of hearing and learning disabilities. For 3rd and 4th grade (prior called JLM, but completely updated) Courtney and Elizabeth Wuerz (Claypit PTO pres.) and Dr. Graham met with specialists from the district to preview program content and no issues were identified. Parent volunteers have professional connection to the unit they are presenting on. Parents can preview material before it's delivered in schools. 1st day is video (10-15 min), 45 min organized hands on activity. Paid for by district, PTO supplying parent volunteers. 2nd day is speaker, Dr. Cataldo will be the speaker for the learning disabilities section.
 - b. Fundraising - committee formation - seeking volunteer
 - c. 2023-2024 SEPAC Board Elections - May meeting
 - i. Creation of Vice Chair position

8. **Questions/Unanticipated items.**
 - a. Question about ESY from parent, why is Pegasus not being offered anymore.

9. **Adjourn**

Next meeting Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.