

HANOVER SEPAC BOARD MEETING

September 23, 2022

1. Voted on board positions. Unanimous approval.

Co-Chair – Diane King

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Secretary – Allison Taylor

Public Relations – Caitlin Melone

Events Coordinator- Kate Sullivan

At-Large Members –

Alicia Cleary

Melonie Darcy- Center School building rep

Katie Davis- Cedar School building rep

Diane DiTullio- HHS building rep

Jill Hall -HMS building rep

Jill Livermore

Lori Murphy

Allison Sgambato

School Committee Liaison – Ryan Hall

2. Diane King shared an overview of the vision for the upcoming year
 - a. Family support. Role of building representatives. Virtual office hours, 9-10 on Thursdays
 - b. District participation
 - c. School committee advisory role. SEPAC will have a role in policy review
3. Planned and future events. Kate Sullivan provided an update
 - a. Goal is to have an event every other month. Collaborating with other SEPACS.
 - b. Meet the Administrators Evening- October 6, 2022
 - c. Future events:
 - i. November- Basic Rights, Understanding the IEP, Virtual with Christine Riley.
 - ii. The Norwell SEPAC is planning a virtual Basic Rights: Evaluation and Eligibility in 2023 and will invite Hanover residents
 - iii. Dr. Birch from McLean, anxiety and mental health, virtual meeting, hoping for January or February 2023
 - iv. Looking for an ADHD speaker
 - v. Collaborating with Norwell SEPAC for an Executive Functioning event with Landmark and Katie Greer to discuss cyber/internet dangers
 - vi. Planning an “ask the advocate” event
4. Update from Director of Student Services, Mr. Oates.
 - a. The district hired 3 new special education administrators
 - b. National teacher shortage. Working on retraining and recruiting strategies. Having a job fair and working with local colleges (Bridgewater).

- c. Allan Blume will be helping the special education staff with IEP writing strategies over the next year.
- d. Missed service tracking-(Literacy Working Group Recommendation)
Formal system created by Brian Converse to keep track of data. No official number of missed services has been established as a definitive time to contact families, but communication is expected when multiple services have been missed
- e. Evaluation; deadlines and notifications
- f. Reviewed order of operations for parents to address questions/concerns starting at the building level up to the Director of Student services:
 - Teacher
 - Special Education liaison
 - Building level special education administrator
 - Building level principal
 - Assistant Director of Student Services, Kaitlin Morelli
 - Director of Student Services, Michael Oates
- g. Hired a district wide school psychologist to help with evaluations
- h. Writing program- (Literacy Working Group Recommendation)
Wonders K-6 has tier 1 and tier 2 resources for writing instruction- training is active. *Mass General WELL Collaborative* to supplement the prescribed writing instruction of *Wonders*. Training continues (4-5 last year, 6,7,8 this school year) All special education staff have been trained in *Framing Your Thoughts*
- i. Fountas and Pinnell curriculum has been retired.
- j. The district is looking at High School services and schedules.