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# AGENDA

Hopedale SEPAC

Special Education Parents' Advisory Council

*Date | time* 3/27/2017 7:00 PM | *Meeting location:* Memorial School Library

Board Members: Elizabeth Callahan, Co-Chair | Theresa Ehrlich, Co-Chair & Treasurer | Justina Perriello, Secretary | Alysia Butler | Sharon Duest | Lisa Rosenfeld

Time	Item	Owner
7:00	Introduction of Dorsey Yearly, Special Education Consultant	L.Gross
8:30	General Discussion	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Appointment of Special Education/PPS Director (meet &amp; greet 4/3/17 @ 4:00pm)</li><li>2. Superintendent's Request for Donation</li><li>3. Grant Request Process/Form</li><li>4. Participation in Booster's Run/Walk/Family Fun Day 5/7/17</li></ol>	All
8:30	Upcoming Plans	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Flowers for Teacher Appreciation</li><li>2. See's candy fundraiser</li><li>3. Outstanding Educator Applications</li></ol>	All
8:40	Items Not Anticipated by Chair(s) 48 Hours Prior to Meeting	E.Callahan & T.Ehrlich
8:45	Adjourn Meeting	All

The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair(s) which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Also, the time frame for each topic is a general guideline and may not be strictly adhered to.

## INVITATION TO MEET WITH PROGRAM CONSULTANT

Dear Parents,

The Hopedale Public Schools, in conjunction with the Hopedale SEPAC, would like to invite you to participate in a conversation about some of the programs and services that the special education department offers to our students. As part of developing our Strategic Plan for the next 5 years, the District has hired Consultant Dorsey Yearly to help provide an independent perspective on our services and programming for our most disabled students by observing our sub-separate programs, interviewing staff, and importantly, meeting with parents. The SEPAC has invited Dorsey to attend the next meeting, which will be held on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial School Media Center. We hope that you will attend, and be able to provide very important parent perspective and insight into our current programming and future plans.

join us

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MEET AND GREET

*Introduction of our PPS Director*

*Megan Ashton*

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH 2017  
JH-SH MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
4:00-5:00

Parents and students are invited for light hors-d'oeuvres



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March 20, 2017

To The Special Education Parent Advisory Council:

On behalf of the Hopedale School District, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to SEPAC. Your continuous support of our students, staff, and schools is greatly appreciated.

At a recent meeting I attended, I was asked how SEPAC might best support the district next year. This sparked the conversation about next year's professional development planning. Each year during our professional days and early release opportunities, we try to plan relevant training for staff members that will assist in supporting all of our students in meeting with greater success. As all of you know, providing the same training opportunities for support staff as we do for teachers is critical. In the past we have accessed grants in order to fund support staff attendance during some of these trainings. For the 2017-2018, we are looking for ways in which we can expand the number of training opportunities for support staff.

Therefore, the district respectfully requests that SEPAC consider monetarily supporting the attendance of support staff at our November 3, 2017 early release (pending the date approval by the School Committee). We are attempting to invite a lawyer to present a training for all staff about legal and teaching issues regarding Special Education and 504 plans. In addition, there will be a question and answer period to provide insight to our staff. The cost of paying our support staff for attendance at an early release equals approximately \$2,100.00. We would be greatly appreciative of any support SEPAC is able to provide from partial funding to funding attendance for the entire staff.

I have been impressed by the supports you provide to students and teachers. The time and effort that individual members put into SEPAC impact the lives and education of our students. I am grateful to have become a member of this educational community. Thank you for taking the time to review and consider this request.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Crebase, Superintendent