

Grafton Special Education Parent Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes for June 6th, 2019

Topics Discussed:

Outgoing Special Education Administrator

SEPAC thanked outgoing Special Education Administrator, Arnold Lundwall, for his service and shared vision for future success. We revisited some conversations from earlier in the year and asked Mr. Lundwall to convey to Mr. Wall areas where he felt the district had made achievements and areas that need improvement. Reading support and mental health were highlighted of areas of continued need. Discussed the continued development of the high school program as well as entrance and exit criteria. Mr. Lundwall observed that while progress has been made the district needs additional reading specialists and adjustment counselors to meet increasing needs in these areas. He stated the district did not anticipate the explosion of mental health needs the district had encountered at the high school level. More resources are needed to fully address the problem. We discussed SEPAC's continued concerns regarding Child Find and leveraging related service providers to aid in early ID and help make the environment more appropriate for all students. Mr. Lundwall stated this was not included in his last budget request but should be included in the next fiscal year. Several parents in attendance expressed concern that compliance with the dyslexia legislation does not appear to be a priority for the district and would like to see a more proactive approach implemented.

SEPAC expressed gratitude to Mr. Lundwall for his willingness to collaborate and keep an open line of communication even on points of disagreement. SEPAC appreciates his perfect attendance at our monthly meetings and willingness to go above and beyond at times in the interest of our students. One parent cited that Mr. Lundwall had himself sat in as a substitute BLA for their child. SEPAC expressed disappointment to see Mr. Lundwall and Ms. Boisvert (who was not in attendance) go, but wished them best of luck in their future endeavors.

Everyday Heroes

Discussed Everyday Heroes Ceremony and more meaningful highlights.

Interim Special Education Director

Interim Special Education Administrator, Robert Wall, introduced himself and stated that he had previously served as a Special Education Administrator in Rhode Island, but left that position for personal reasons. Most recently he has worked as a Special Education Team Chairperson at North Street Elementary School. Mr. Wall stated that much has changed in his time, including the fact that in the past parents were not invited to IEP Team Meetings as they are nowadays. SEPAC welcomed Mr. Wall and stated that we look forward to working with him moving forward.

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