



# Groton Dunstable Special Education Parents Advisory Council

## BUSINESS MEETING Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

6:30 pm, GD Regional Middle School North - Library

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Officers Present: Nancy Bugbee, President  
Maryanne Squeglia, Vice President & Treasurer  
Cyndy Premru, Secretary

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Nancy Bugbee, President, called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.

### I. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Nancy Bugbee, President, made a motion to accept the Business Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2009. The motion was seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved. The minutes will be posted on the website at <http://www.gdspedpac.org>.

### II. Roundtables

#### Middle School Roundtable, January 20, 2010

Maryanne Squeglia, VP and Treasurer, reported that attendance was low from the parent perspective but quite a few staff were there. Team Chairs from the High School, Florence Roche Elementary School, Swallow Union, and the Middle School were there as well as Ruthann Goguen, principal of Florence Roche Elementary School and Steve Silverman, principal of the Middle School.

The next roundtable with the Middle School is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 9 – 9:45 in the Middle School North conference room.

Ms. Bugbee will contact Florence Roche principal Ruthann Goguen and Swallow Union Elementary School principal Peter Myerson to discuss co-hosting future roundtables with them. A good topic to focus on might be transitions – from both preschool to elementary school and from elementary school to middle school.

### III. Account Update

Ms. Squeglia reported that SpedPAC's current checking account balance is \$ 1414.19.

Ms. Squeglia also reported that she has two tax forms to fill out, costing approximately \$35.00.

### IV. Superintendent Search

Ms. Bugbee gave a quick update on the Superintendent Search Committee. She reported that the search committee was well run and that she was very happy to

represent the voice of special education for the District. The School Committee has narrowed it down to five candidates and will announce who their final candidate is on March 3, 2010.

## **V. Final Meeting/Event Calendar**

### ***Including Samuel*, a documentary on disabilities:**

Ms. Bugbee reported that Melissa Padera, a parent in the District, has offered to present a documentary on inclusion called, *Including Samuel*, to both staff and parents as part of a professional development course that she is taking at the Institute on Disability. All officers were in agreement that this would be a beneficial event for staff and parents and that we should try to schedule it for an evening in April.

### **Math lecture:**

Ms. Bugbee reported that the math lecture with Monica Leon, a K – 8 Math Coach in the Cambridge Public Schools, is close to being confirmed for early April. Karen Gartland, the head of the math department at the Middle School, has to Monica Leon and is on board with the lecture coming to the District. Ms. Bugbee has spoken to all school principals and all are interested but both Ruthann Goguen and Pete Myerson, principals at the elementary schools, want to make sure that it is productive for parents and that it doesn't create any oppositional feelings for families who are unsure about the District's current math curriculum.

Ms. Bugbee will contact Monical Leon and see if she can schedule the lecture for late March.

### **Apraxia lecture:**

Ms. Bugbee will contact Colleen Martens regarding scheduling the lecture on Apraxia. She will get back to the other officers with specifics when she has spoken to Ms. Martens.

Ms. Premru will confirm the upcoming lecture with Teresa Bolick.

Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 7:00pm

- “Building the Skills that Build Social Capital: Putting Your Best Foot Forward in the Real World” with Teresa Bolick, Ph.D., location HS Library

## **VI. New Staff Mentoring Session**

The mentoring session for new staff in the District is scheduled for April 5, 2010. Amy Schorn has contacted SpedPAC to see if we would be able to send representatives to the meeting to share the parent perspective for new teachers. Ms. Bugbee and Ms. Squeglia will be available to attend. Cyndy Premru will get back to the other officers to let them know if she is also available.

## **VII. The Butler Fund**

This agenda item was moved to the next business meeting scheduled for April 6, 2010 at 6:30pm in the High School Library.

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**The business meeting concluded at 6:55PM.**