

Billerica Parent Advisory Council for Special Education
Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2008
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Billerica High School Lecture Hall

Present: Sue Hopkins, BPAC Chair, Joanne Barry (Vice-Chair), Priscilla Aufiero (Secretary), Michele DeParasis (Treasurer), Donna Gadbois (Contact)

8 People in Attendance

- Steven Shore Presentation

Sue reviewed the logistics for the upcoming Dr. Shore Presentation: Distribution of flyers and making sure the information gets out to the community. Dunkin Donuts and the Shawsheen Tech Bakery will be donating the refreshments.

- PAC Calendars

Sue Hopkins distributed a sample of the PAC Fundraising Calendar. The calendars will be printed and ready for distribution on March 27th.

- Parent Handbook

Sue Hopkins announced that the Parent Handbook for Special Education will be similar to the Federation for Children with Special Needs' handbook with some specifics relating to the Billerica Public Schools. The goal is to have this available for distribution in September, 2008. Priscilla will help prepare the book once the draft is finalized.

- Fundraising

Fuddruckers fundraiser will take place on April 8th. Flyers have been prepared and will be distributed at the Steven Shore Presentation and posted on bulletin boards.

Michele DeParasis distributed the Treasurers Report.

Michele also gave an update on the Applebee's Fundraiser. Apparently there was some type of glitch in the Applebee's computer system and they are unable to provide us with the profit information on the fundraiser. They are recommending that we conduct another fundraiser. Michele will call the Marketing Director to clear this up.

- Other

Joanne Barry asked if the Charlie Applestein flyer could be ready for distribution at the Shore presentation. Priscilla will check in with Gina to get the details and prepare a flyer.

A parent in the audience announced an upcoming presentation in Tewksbury. The Massachusetts Branch of International Dyslexia Association is presenting "Introduction to Dyslexia" at the Tewksbury Library on April 7th at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.