

Billerica Parent Advisory Council for Special Education
Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2008
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Billerica High School Lecture Hall

Present: Sue Hopkins, BPAC Chair, Priscilla Aufiero (Secretary), Donna Gadbois (Contact), Carol Rose (Webmaster); Denise Depierro

5 People in Attendance

- Future Scheduling

Sue reviewed the tentative speakers/topics for the 2009 Academic School Year. Some possibilities are: Basic Rights Workshop; MCAS Workshop; R. Kanzer "how to talk so kids will listen..." Lawyer Hartounian "Estate Planning"; Brain Gym; Dyslexia Foundation; Social Skills; Dr. Jolene Ross (Neurofeedback).

- Tentative Meeting Dates for 2008/09:

September 18	February 12
October 16	March 19
November 20	April 16
December 18	May 21
January 15	June 11

Sue will work with the new Special Education Director to arrange the dates for the director's meetings.

- PAC Calendars

The daily drawings for the PAC Calendar raffle have begun. Sue will send the winners' names to Carol Rose so she can put a link on the PAC website to view the winners.

- Elections

Sue announced that the PAC elections will be held at the June meeting. Priscilla reported that she will be stepping down from the secretary position.

- Parent Handbook

Sue Hopkins announced that the goal for distribution of Parent Handbook for Special Education will be September, 2008. The draft is near ready for review with the exception of the Foreword which Denise volunteered to work on and the "About the Handbook" section which Priscilla offered to assist with. We will solicit the Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (Tech) for their printing assistance.

In addition, Sue mentioned that the PAC information cards are running very low. Carol offered to contact the Tech to arrange for more copies. At the same time, Carol will ask the Tech for their support in printing the Handbook.

Sue announced that the MacAvoy presentation has been cancelled. She will recall all flyers so they will not be sent out for distribution.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.