

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

(These minutes were approved at the 1/19/2022 SEAC Meeting)

Call to order - 7:03

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting – May 12, 2021. October 2021 minutes to be approved at next meeting.
 - a. Motion to approve
2. Best Buddies Program
 - a. Recap of program at the High School presented by Macie and Zach
 - b. Drew also gave a summary of the events and discussed how SEAC can be of help to increase the effectiveness and participation in the program
 - i. Can SEAC help with spreading the word and increasing parent involvement
 - ii. Set up Reminds account to send out text blasts
 - iii. Can any of the meetings be set up during school times such as advisory period? Kickimuiet does it this way. Helps to alleviate time competition with sports and other after school activities. What about lunch period once a week?
 - c. Elliot LaFaiver spoke to the Middle School and shared a the BMS Best Buddies commercial that will be shared as well as a video of best buddies participating in pumpkin decorating event
 - d. Hampden Meadows Best Buddies program is in the “infancy” stage.
 - i. Will be sending letters home to two specific homeroom classrooms to start
 - ii. Smaller programs will be held during the school day to start the program
 - iii. Considering adding a Best Buddies component to all school events
 - iv. Will try to leverage “Buddy Bench” outside during recess
 - e. Will Best Buddies focus on vocational/job training?
 - i. Best Buddies is a National program and currently does not have a robust job component within their RI network but is looking to possibly expand in the future.
 - f. How do we create a more organic inclusive culture?
 - g. Can Macie and Zack come talk to students at HMS?
 - h. Don’t be afraid to ask parents for donations – they were more than happy to donate for the pumpkin event. Consider Best Buddies t-shirts.
3. SEAC Bylaws – postponed due to limited number of SEAC voting members in live attendance
4. New Business:
 - a. Any items people would like to see SEAC focus on/address during the upcoming year?
 - i. Aides and paraprofessionals included in IEP meetings
 - ii. Consider protocol for letting certain student have advanced notice of fire drills and lockdowns.
 1. Can be written in IEP
 - iii. Can parents have access to the data being collected on their student?
 - iv. With the district spending money on DEI initiatives, help ensure some of the money for training is geared towards people with disabilities

- v. Ponagansett High School has inclusive messages written in their gymnasium with student signatures
- vi. Are we still doing District Special Ed Tasks forces?
 - 1. Yes but waiting for school specific ones to kick off first.
- vii. Have the school resource officers become acquainted with the students who might have behavioral issues during an alarm?

5. Adjourned 8:24