

## Minutes for the SEAC meeting of March 27, 2018:

1. Call to order, 6:35 pm
2. News or Announcements:
  - a. Kristen and Stephanie attended the Virtual Learning District Wide Committee. Learned that virtual learning can only count for 2 snow days. Many obstacles remain, and it is difficult for special ed services. Services such as PT, OT would have to be made up in creative ways.
  - b. Peggy went to PTO presidents' meeting; presidents were very receptive to partnering with SEAC though we should remain vigilant about staying on their radar. Perhaps we could see whether PTO bylaws could require consultation with SEAC for major event planning.
  - c. Lisa went to High School PTO safety meeting. There is a plan to train students, staff, TAs. Possibility of training parent volunteers. Concerns about special ed students.
  - d. Kristen reports that the district is making a plan and there are some kids who will need individual plans. SEAC recommends that parents advocate for their students safety needs individually until such plans are complete. We have some resources. Police are doing walkthroughs and should be able to spot issues with exposed classrooms, lack of exits, etc. More communication is needed among all parties to help all students understand best safety practices, and to help all staff understand all student needs.
3. Project Updates:
  - a. HMS fellow friends has begun. First session involved pipe cleaner arts and crafts. This was limited to one classroom. There was a classroom teacher and other special ed students were brought in. Next one will be in April—paint and popcorn. April event will be more 1:1. There has been a lot of interest from peer buddies and it has been harder to get special needs students to sign up. Suggestion made to work with case managers in identifying students. At BMS the group has been increasing and a connection has been made to Student Council, to keep project sustained.
  - b. BHS has a 2019 Senior probably interested in establishing a chapter of Best Buddies. Could be a two person project, if the student wants support he should seek that.
  - c. Quite a bit of progress on the web page; see links and news items [www.barringtonschools.org/seac.html](http://www.barringtonschools.org/seac.html)
  - d. Facebook page will be ready for roll out at April meeting
  - e. Survey draft for SEAC families was discussed and small edits were made; will be sent as year end feedback request. Similar for the Family support project. "Mentor" term being dropped to emphasize equality among the parties.
  - f. Other: Lisa has located a good model for a binder for new families. Will be a project for 2018-19

4. Planning for award ceremony: Lisa will secure room for 4:30-6pm in later May (not May 22)
5. School Committee Report was done by Director. SEAC will remain informed about date for next year in order to participate.
6. New Business: A nomination form is being sent out for year end awards. Member cited concerns with bus timing (arriving late to school). Another member noted the lack of a monitor on the Middle/High school busses—can make it harder for kids to transition to the larger bus. Audit of bus routes is ongoing; those taking special ed bus may want to check on arrival/departure times.
7. Adjourned: 8:35pm