

Greenfield SEPAC Agenda

2/26/25

5PM to 6PM

Google Meet - <https://meet.google.com/odn-bern-cek>

- Call to Order
 - In attendance: Sara Allred, Kristal Cleaver, Susan Ekstrom, Amy Prioetti. Guest: David Messing, Director of Pupil Services Greenfield
- Clarification of officer roles and responsibilities (Kristal will add some clarifications here)
- Update on PTO partnerships
 - FSS - Kristal is planning with Sara Marchefska from FSS PTO to do an event on Neurodiversity and belonging in April. Maybe an author or puppet show. Still deciding on if this will be a school-wide event during the day, or a larger district wide thing on an evening or weekend. Kristal will share more info.
- Planning of training provided by the Federation for Children with Special Needs
 - Amy will reach out to them soon
- Planning of panel and speakers at future SEPAC meetings
 - MassHealth and SSDI
 - Someone from DMH to come speak with us (possibly Kelly Thibodeau)
 - David Cole & Kia Burton (Family Center)
 - Discussion of how to get more people here. Dave is working on Powerschool ability to send targeted emails to current and potential families. In the meantime, send blurbs to be included in Superintendent's weekly email (Sara will send to Karen and Dave). Sara will also update the flyer to include live google link and SEPAC email address.
- Discussion of opportunities for statewide advocacy
 - Approved the superintendent's budget at the school committee last night (7.79% increase). Next hurdle is the Mayor/City council. There is a cushion for our dept. But cuts in other areas can impact students with special needs (class size for example).
 - Discussion of revamp of Chapter 70 formula (state reimburses district for expenses related to special education) - Amy wants to talk with Jo Comerford about special needs and inclusivity, and can provide bullet points. Tracy Novick from Mass Association of School Committees has a great presentation on this.
- Continue conversation about role of SEPAC at the School Committee
 - Need to build a foundation of meetings that people are attending - this is a good future goal to aspire to
- General Discussion
- Adjournment