SEPAC
Meeting Minutes- March 29, 2016
Location: Luau Hale Restaurant, PITTSFIELD LENOX RD

Attendees:
Valerie Lanfair, Jodi Drury, Luke Bloom, Brooke Kamienski, Robert Fuster, Priscilla Gilbert France

Scribe:
Brooke Kamienski

Agenda
Old Business
- Review and approval of old minutes, Robert moved to approve the minutes. Luke seconded the motion. Attendees voted to approve the minutes.
- Update of Spring Parent Night
- Vote on bylaws. Bylaw revisions were discussed and reviewed.

New Business
- Discussion of the culture of Lenox SPED and goals for the committee
- 2015 SPED Audit discussion
- Schedule meetings for remainder of the year

Old Business
- Review and approval of old minutes, Robert moved to approve the minutes. Luke seconded the motion. Attendees unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

- Discussed formation of SEPAC. SEPAC account will be transferred from former SEPAC member, Amy S. to Priscilla Gilbert France, SEPAC treasurer.

- Priscilla reported that PTO donated 500.00 for the SEPAC parent night. Possible speakers are Thomas Miller and Isabella Foster. Tentative dates early May? Topics not set. Perhaps anxiety related, or ADHD. There is a plan to check in with Donna Weber, Bob Evans and Kris Grimes to see if they are interested in participating. Robert made a motioned to approve Priscilla to plan the event. Brooke seconded the motion. Attendees unanimously voted to approve.
• In addition, Priscilla shared that at 6:00 p.m. on April 12th the School Council Meeting will discuss with parents the new lockdown procedures at Morris in advance of the roll out with students.

• Vote on bylaws. The Lenox SEPAC bylaw revisions were reviewed and discussed. Priscilla moved to approve the bylaws, Robert seconded the motion.

• The Lenox SEPAC bylaw membership requirements were discussed. Members of the SEPAC want to stress that all families in the district are welcome to join and participate in this committee. Amendments to the document were discussed to reflect membership. Luke recorded the committee’s input and will revise and resend. At the end of the year the bylaws will be reviewed again and revised accordingly. Priscilla moved to accept the bylaws as amended. Robert seconded the motion. All approved.

New Business

• 2015 SPED Audit discussion: Has the results of 2015 Audit results been shared? Is so where can the results be found? Older results of the audit can be found on DESE website under compliance. Jodi Drury shared her complaint about a Civil Rights Violation for students on 504’s.

• Goals for the SEPAC: Educating parents about differences between IEP’s and 504’s. Luke shared that once the SEPAC was formed, some parents shared concerns about the testing process for students at the secondary level. Members of the SEPAC felt that we should serve as a resource for information and support for families and children identified as special needs or going through the process. It would be beneficial at IEP meetings to receive results of testing in advance of the meeting.

• What is the culture of the Lenox Special Education Program? Is it collaborative and supportive or do parents feel a struggle? Where are areas we can improve? Do we treat all families seeking help with the special education process the same? We need to strive for consistency across the board for all families needing help. Does the culture stay the same as students progress K-12, especially the transition from Morris to LMMHS? The committee would like to strive to create consistency and support for all students grades K-12. Robert suggested we invite administrators, Mr. Lee, Ms. Boyce and Mr. Knybel to our meetings to join in the discussion.
The group discussed and set the following upcoming meetings:

4/26  6:00 p.m. Luau Hale
5/24  6:00 p.m. TBD
6/7   6:00 p.m. TBD (tentative)

Next Meeting Agenda Items
Finalize the organization of the SEPAC event.
Continue discussion and planning the SEPAC mission and goals.
Examination of elementary to middle school transition.

Meeting Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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- Vote on by-laws
- Creation and adoption of mission statement
- Update of Spring Parent Night
- Parent Satisfaction Questionaire

**New Business**
- Schedule meetings for remainder of the year
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- Review of old minutes:
- Vote on bylaws:
- Creation and adoption of mission statement:
- Update of Spring Parent Night:
- Parent satisfaction questionnaire:

**New Business**
- Upcoming meetings:

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