

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING of the  
SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, October 26, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.  
*Meeting to be held via the Google Meets Video-Conferencing Platform*  
[meet.google.com/snq-rkwj-hyi](https://meet.google.com/snq-rkwj-hyi)

**AGENDA**

- I. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER 5min
- II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES 10 mins  

Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2021
- III. COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUESTS 6 mins
  - A) Time Keeper: Request has been made to have a volunteer from tonight's participation act as time keeper for present meeting only. We aim to keep this meeting at 60 minutes or less.
  - B) Meeting Norms
  - C) Communication from other SEPACs
- IV. REPORTS 18 mins
  - A) Report from the Rep from Stow – No Report
  - B) Report from Stow PTO Rep – 3 mins
  - C) Report from the Rep from Lancaster - No Report
  - D) Report from Lancaster PTO Rep –  
-Rep attended PTO meeting last week but nothing further to report.
  - E) Report from the Rep from Bolton – 3 mins
  - F) Report from the High School Rep – No Report
  - G) Report from Social Media – 3 mins
  - H) Report from SEPAC Liaison to School Committee Brett Collins- no report
  - I) Report from the Chair – 3 mins
  - J) Report from Subcommittees:  
Subcommittees are filled as people express interest. If you want to join  
A subcommittee please email: [SEPACchair@nrzd.net](mailto:SEPACchair@nrzd.net) This email address  
goes to BOTH the chair and vice chair.
    - a) Surveys and Data Requests  
- Requesting Community Input regarding Surveys and Data Requests. We have been asked to participate in the creation of two surveys – one for special ed in general and one as an IEP exit survey. Even if you are not on a subcommittee, please consider submitting your top two survey questions (for each survey) and two data points you would like know about Special Ed in the District by sending an email to [SEPACchair@nrzd.net](mailto:SEPACchair@nrzd.net) by Friday

Nov 5, 2021 so that the committee can review member's feedback.  
Please type "**Survey and Data**" in the subject field.  
No date scheduled yet but meeting but will be posted.

b) Evidence Based Remediation For Specific Learning challenges  
– First Focus Literacy Instruction in the District – 3 mins

c) Transitions – 3 mins

d) Bylaws – No report

e) Unified Sports – No report

f) Disability Awareness – No report

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS 6 mins

A. NRSD SEPAC Website

- ALL schools in district now point back to NRSD SEPAC webpage which promotes uniformity. We continue to work on content and adjustments.

B. TOWN OF LANCASTER Commission on Disability has a survey online until Oct. 31, 2021. Please go to town website and complete it. It is aiming to make the town more disability friendly/accessible.

C. PRESENTATIONS:

- i) November 4, 2021 at 7:00PM:  
[meet.google.com/exg-fqaf-mud](https://meet.google.com/exg-fqaf-mud)  
Reading comprehension strategies by Kate Kerrigan Wang of Kerrigan Classroom
- ii) November 17, 2021 at 7:00pm  
Anxiety Presentation by Dr. Cutillo of the Few Center  
Virtual link TBD
- iii) December 1, 2021 at 7:00  
Mediation and Appeals Virtual Presentation by the BSEA
- iv) Virtual Meet with SI Kirk Downing TBD
- v) Cognitive Connections: Executive Function virtual presentation by Sarah Ward March 28, 2022, at 7pm **Save the Date**
- vi) Neurology of Reading by Nancy Duggan of Decoding Dyslexia

- vii) NRSD Transitions Presentation by Cheryl Gallagher of NRSD
- viii) Working on “Ask the Advocate” program TBD

D. COMMENTS, CONCERNS, IDEAS email: [SEPACchair@nrsd.net](mailto:SEPACchair@nrsd.net)

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A) High School Build Project – request for information  
The school committee is working on the new high school build project. As parents of children with special needs, we have a great opportunity to offer some suggestions. Please email [SEPACchair@nrsd.net](mailto:SEPACchair@nrsd.net) with your Sped building accommodation design thoughts by November 5, 2021.  
Please type “building accommodations” in the subject field.
- B) Election of Vacant Offices  
- SEPAC PTO/PAC REP FOR BOLTON PAC
- C) Referendum of Francis Morgan against the Chair &  
Referendum of Pamela Duggan against the Chair

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SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Proposed for Business meeting of September 28, 2021  
MEETING RULES, NORMS AND PROTOCOLS

- A. NRSD SEPAC operates under current By-laws (as amended) and Robert’s Rules of Order
- B. Meeting attendants are expected to:
  - 1) Abide by rules (above)
  - 2) Respect everyone’s time by abiding by time limits
  - 3) One party speaks at a time within their time limit and balance participation with active listening.
  - 4) Stick to agenda. Off agenda items are out of order

Any concerns, thoughts, ideas or requests for agenda items may be submitted by email to: [SEPACchair@nrsd.net](mailto:SEPACchair@nrsd.net). Send requested agenda items for agenda consideration at least 5 business days in advance and identify “Requested Agenda Item” on the subject line. If you have concerns that you do not wish to put in writing, simply email the best way to communicate with you (ie: phone number) and someone from the SEPAC team will contact you.