

## **SEPAC Meeting Minutes 4/16/2020**

Location: Remote

Zoom Meeting

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### **Board**

Ali Barnes, Co-Chair - present, remote

Kristen Eriksen, Co-Chair - present, remote

Laurie McCarron, Secretary - present, remote

Vyas Sanzgiri, Treasurer - present, remote

### **District**

Amy Reese, Director of Special Education - present, remote

Amy Matson, Asst. Director of Special Education - present, remote

Donna Newcomb, School Committee Liaison - present, remote

### **Members**

Attendees Present:

**Handouts:** added to SEPAC Binder

Start: 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Ali Barnes, Vyes Sanzgiri, Jen Bellissimo. Donna Newcomb, Amy Reese, Amy Matson, Kristen Eriksen

Intro by Ali Barnes: First SEPAC meeting held remotely through Zoom and Chelmsford Telemedia.

Members are reminded that this meeting is being recorded by the meeting host (Ali/Vyes) and reminded to mute their device and turn off video. Vyes is monitoring the Chat privately, for members to ask questions and be presented to SEPAC after the slideshow presentation.

### **Agenda Item**

#### **1. CSEPAC and Chelmsford Special Needs Parent Support Group presentation for parents and guardians in response to COVID 19.**

Jen Bellissimo spoke on the Chelmsford Special Needs Family Support Group.

Ali shared the slideshow with participants. Each slide was briefly explained by Ali and Jen. A copy of the slideshow will be available...highlights included...

- info
- recommendations
- communication
- resources
- technical support
- expectations/parent/student/remote learning
- behavior
- trouble modifying assignments
- organization and planning
- therapy at home
- regression
- failing a class or a grade, graduation, college acceptance
- IEP/Team meetings
- child's mental health
- stress, realistic goals
- support

**Statewide help line 211 for help/basic needs. Community and State Resources listed. Telehealth is an available option.**

**2. Public Input: Q&A related to the presentation**

**Vyes presented specific questions from members: Answers were given by Amy Reese, Donna Newcomb and Amy Matson.**

**Amy Reese is the 504 coordinator for the district, questions regarding 504's can be emailed to Amy, or call and leave her a voice message.**

**Criteria for extended year remains the same.**

**Meeting Close: 8:24**