

Westwood Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2022

7:30-8:30pm

Zoom Video Conferencing

- I. Welcome
- II. March 29, 2022 [Meeting Minutes](#) were approved
- III. Changes to [SEPAC ByLaws](#) proposed at the March 29, 2022 meeting were approved with a simple majority vote by those in attendance
- IV. Upcoming Events Were Mentioned (All events below will be on Zoom)
 - a. Westwood SEPAC Autism Parent Group - Wednesday, April 13 @ 8:00pm
 - b. Westwood SEPAC Emotional/Mental Health Parent Group - April 27 @ 7:30pm
 - c. Westwood SEPAC Board Meeting - May 4 @ 7:30pm
 - d. Westwood SEPAC General Meeting - May 10 @ 7:30pm
 - e. Westwood SEPAC Language Based Learning Difference Parent Group - May 19 @ 7:00 pm
- V. District Administration Presentation
(Abby Hanscom, Dee Graichen, Robin Fabiano)
Come hear from WPS Student Services staff about the key transition points as students enter and leave high school and the services available at the middle school level.
 - *The Planning Meeting*
 - *The IEP includes important and new information*
 - *Ongoing planning and communication with your liaison*
 - *Transition between levels is a process*
 - *Transition visits could include visits to the new setting*
 - *TMS - Middle School Team Model - Special Ed. Team assigned to each team*
 - *Guidance counsellor follows the student through all 3 years*
 - *TMS - Learning Centers & Resource Room*
 - *4 Specialized programs*
 - *Exploratories - PE, Music, etc*
 - *Sports*
 - *After school activities (clubs) on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30-3:30*
 - *WHS*
 - *Graduation expectations - required classes*
 - *5 Learning Center teachers*
 - *New adjustment counselor position at the HS*
 - *4 Specialized programs*

- *Job Developer position to help students with high special needs get jobs*
- *The Education Cooperative (TEC) provides internship opportunities for \$600 with coaching*
(<https://tec-coop.org/career-exploration/internships/information-sessions/>)
- *In general, there is more flexibility because there are more blocks at the middle school and high school levels*

VI. Q & A