

Business Meeting #2

25 Nov 2024 / 6:00 PM / Alden 104

ATTENDEES

SEPAC Board (parents): Kate Reynolds, Ashley Query, Lauren Byron

DPS Admin: Duxbury SPED Director – Theresa Skinner; Virtual – April Romano
Chandler Team Chair; School Committee: N/A

Community members: 5 parents in person, 3 parents via Zoom

AGENDA/Notes 6 pm–7:10 pm Business Mtg

- [APPLE update](#) The **Advancing Parent / Professional Leadership in Education** (APPLE) **Institute** is a **free, virtual program** designed to help family leaders, school administrators, and community members form strong, collaborative leadership teams that boost family engagement within school districts. Research consistently shows that when families, schools, and community organizations collaborate, students thrive.
 - ◆ Duxbury has formed a cohort of parents and admin taking part in this initiative offered by Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN). 1st meeting was 11/21. Add'l links at end.
 - ◆ Duxbury is seeking more parent volunteers to take part in APPLE! Time Commitment: [roughly 2 hours per month](#). Next virtual meeting in December – 1 hour. See Action Item for details.
- **Elections! Co-Chair Seat** (Vacated by Laurie McCone Sep 2024) – term ends June 2025
 - ◆ Nominations: Lauren Byron (current Secretary) by AQ; second by JW; 8+ yays – **Congrats to Lauren Byron as our new Co-Chair!**
 - ◆ Secretary seat now vacant – this election will take place at our next Business meeting. Accepting nominations!

→ School Budget Discussion

- ◆ Director Skinner fielded questions - high transportation costs industry-wide
- ◆ See [Dr. Klingaman's most recent slide deck](#) with proposals including Real Needs Budget which would necessitate an OVERRIDE this March at ATM
- ◆ Parent discussion on budget - the need to highlight the importance of SPED svcs to the entire district.

→ Parent Feedback - Positive reports from Chandler student family and HS family. Good Collaboration. Inclusive instruction.

→ 7:10 pm-8 pm Parent Support/Check-in

ACTION ITEMS

- **Join the DuxSEPAC School Budget Subgroup!**

- Email DuxburySEPAC@gmail.com
- Big decisions are getting made. Staff cuts. Teacher pay. Let's plug into this process to be sure SPED family voices are represented by Town Committees. **Seeking folks who can offer strong writing skills, social media chops, finance insights, marketing/messaging guidance. More than anything we need numbers. We need you!**
- Those interested will be connected as a group perhaps text or Slack, open to ideas. We will need to move quickly - writing letters to address various audiences.
- Dec 4th School Committee votes on proposed budget
- Jan - Select Board decides what gets put on Warrant for March ATM
- Phase 1 (Now thru ? Dec/Jan) - Making the "cake", aka - "override" & Phase 2 (Jan - March) - Selling the "cake" to the voters in town

- **Learn more about APPLE and join the Duxbury team!**

- [11/21/24 Slide Deck](#)
-  **An Introduction to APPLE (12 min):**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvQtxwSq6P4>

-  **Welcome to Family Engagement (10 min):**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aIYh7JvqVBc>
-  **What is a SEPAC? (20 min):** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_olxOSv4Dzk
-  **The Leadership Compass (10 min):**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9gdPzciHxo>
-  **The Power of Advocacy (12 min):**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cM3fKPRvGX4>

Next Parent Support Dec 9, 2024 6pm Place TBD

Next Business Meeting Jan 27, 2025 6pm Alden 104

Email SEPAC Board Members with questions, concerns, or agenda items

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