

**Lexington Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)
Lexington Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA)**

Business Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2017

Attendees: Jennifer Yaar, Kathy Cunningham, Robin Abrams, Ann Wolf, Lisa O'Brien, Bettina McGimsey, Mona Roy, Barbara White

Location: Lexington Community Center, Room 237

Call to order: 9:06 am

Adjourned: 10:25 am

Approvals

- Minutes from 1/10/17 Business Meeting were unanimously approved.

Reports of Officers

- Treasurer Report:
 - As of the end of February, our balance is \$4,328
 - In January, we collected one membership and bank interest for a total of \$24.05. No expenses in January.
 - In February, we collected 4 memberships and bank interest for a total of \$72.27.
 - Outstanding expenses for February include:
 - \$82 misc meeting expenses
 - \$200 Honorarium check for Nadine Gaab - speaker for Dyslexia group in April.
- Membership report: there are currently 100 SEPAC/SEPTA members

Other Business

- Bettina McGimsey provided an update on the Dyslexia Task Force from the presentation by Ellen Sugita and Kelly Chase to the School Committee.
 - 36k has been allocated to fund two pilot programs for early screening (Bowman will pilot the program in the 2017-2018 school year).
 - Second pilot is scheduled for Bridge kindergarten screening using Predictive Assessment of Reading (PAR) with pre-k students to flag issues prior to kindergarten.
 - LPS will continue to do training for Landmark/Math, Wilson, and Orton-Gillingham.
 - Dyslexia Task Force will meet again in May.
 - First Peer-to-Peer Mentoring meeting was a success—10 kids and mentors met, organizers hope this event will be repeated.
 - Over 108 teachers have completed voluntary dyslexia training.

- Team discussed doing an update on the listserv for SEPAC/SEPTA news, to be posted on the listserv and possibly the Minuteman.
- Team discussed end-of-year appreciation and budgets—team agreed to \$100 for elementary and middle school, and additional funds for the high school—most likely \$200, but to be determined by Barbara.