

# Bedford Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

Presentation to the School Committee

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# What we do - Meetings

## ▶ **Monthly Meetings**

- ▶ Parent/caregivers receive and provide updates and feedback
- ▶ Held on Zoom - increased attendance and participation
- ▶ Marianne participates once per quarter
- ▶ Opportunity for school and community leaders to connect

## ▶ **Parent and Caregiver Meetups**

- ▶ Restaurant evenings
- ▶ Coffees
- ▶ Walking groups

## ▶ **Other Meetings**

- ▶ Director of Special Education monthly
- ▶ Superintendent 3x per year
- ▶ School Committee 1-2x per year

## ▶ **Topic Specific Meetings**

- ▶ scheduled based on topics of interest/concern
- ▶ Literacy
- ▶ Recess
- ▶ MCAS

# What we do - Events

- ▶ **FCSN** - Learn About Section 504 Plans
- ▶ **Brendan Mahan, M.Ed., M.S.** - ADHD Essentials  
*Sponsored by: Lenora Campoli Speaker Series*
- ▶ **Engaging Minds** - Executive Function Skills
- ▶ **JGMS Frozen Jr Sensory Friendly Dress Rehearsal**
- ▶ **Lane Science Corner Meetup**
- ▶ **End of Year Event** - in process

# Build Partnerships with Schools and Community

## ► Schools

- Conversations with Program Administrators at each school
- Transition Meetings for students moving between schools
- Topic Specific discussions with School Leadership
- Partnership with other School Volunteer Organizations (PTOs, PDC, and others)
- Lane School Read-a-thon Fundraiser support

## ► Community

- Recreation Department
- Community Partnership Meetings

# Support Special Education Community

During the 2022-2023 School Year, three primary topics were communicated with SEPAC for feedback and collaborative support.

**Literacy**

**Recess**

**MCAS**

Each topic was discussed with school leadership and administration to address concerns and opportunities to support communications and future actions.

# Other Accomplishments

In May 2022, Bedford SEPAC participated in the APPLE Institute administered by the Federal of Children with Special Needs. We continue to work on the identified goals and objectives.

## **2022-2023 APPLE Institute Goals**

1. Director's Newsletter
2. SEPAC Brochure
3. Survey - in process
4. Increase ways for families to communicate with SEPAC
5. Identify the goals for the 2023-2024 school year

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