

WestonPAC for Special Education
Spring Update to School Committee
2010-2011 School Year





WestonPAC Officers

2009-2010 Officers

Co-Chairs: Kim Costello & Penny Peddie

PTO Rep: Marcy Dorna

Website: Carly Vernon

Past PAC Chair: Rosemary Lydon

2010-2011

Officers

Co-Chairs: Kim Costello & Erin Patterson

Treasure/Hospitality: Penny Peddie

Secretary/Website: Patti Jurinski

Special Projects: Rebecca Stevenson, Jean Arturi, Carolyn Korbin & Lucine Kaprelian

Mass General Laws

Chapter 71b Section 3:

- “The school committee of any city, town, or school district shall establish a parent advisory council on special education. Membership shall be offered to all parents of children with disabilities and other interested parties. The parent advisory council duties shall include but not be limited to: *advising the school committee on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities; meeting regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of the school committee’s special education programs.*

Mass General Laws

Chapter 71b Section 3: (continued)

- The parent advisory council shall establish by-laws regarding officers and operational procedures. In the course of its duties under this section, *the parent advisory council shall receive assistance from the school committee without charge*, upon reasonable notice, and subject to the availability of staff and resources.”



Accomplished Goals

Support to Weston Community

- Coffees & Board mtgs open to public
- First Special Ed Back to School Night (Country, Woodland & Field)

Communication

- New website
- Constant Contact
- Private Facebook group (Weston PAC)
- PAC Brochure -Addendum
- Newsletter - Addendum

Ongoing Lectures

- Parents Rights and Responsibilities– Oct 10'
- Executive Functioning – Nov 10'
- The IEP Document – March 11'
- Resilient Parents – April 11'
- Reading & Dyslexia – April 11'

Transition

- Field & Middle school Transition Packets



In Progress

Survey

WestonPAC Special Education Survey

- Target goal Spring 2011

Objectives

Assess the needs and opportunities of the Sped community to formulate concrete goals moving forward

Provide feedback to administration on improvements and opportunities in programming.

Participating & giving input in the Director of Student Services search process

- Two PAC participants directly involved in the search
- Parent Participation: Sizeable group of parents came together to organize questions to ask the three candidates



Moving Forward

- We continue to fulfill the responsibilities of supporting the special education parent community under the Mass law
- We recognize the PAC needs to act as more of an advisor to the school committee and school administration being more fully engaged with the planning and implementation of special education programs moving forward

We look forward to working with you!