

West Milford Public Schools
Office of Special Services

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (S.E.P.A.C.)

November 15, 2023

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Items from the Director of Special Services- Dr. Derek Ressa

- Introductions
 - Derek Ressa, Director of Special Services
 - Chrissy Porochniak, Supervisor of Special Services
 - What is SEPAC?
 - To provide input on the policies, programs and practices that impact services and supports for children with disabilities and their families.
 - To increase the involvement of families of children with special needs in making recommendations on special education policy.
 - To advise on matters that pertain to the education, health and safety of children with special needs.
 - To advise on unmet needs of children with disabilities.
 - Norms Review
 - We commit to focusing on the meeting agenda.
 - We commit to using cell phones and emails only in emergency situations.
 - We commit to being full participants in contributing to the discussion.
 - We commit to refrain from speaking about personal students during the meeting.
 - We will represent our district and families with honor and dignity.
- Resources
 - [Learning Resource Center – South Activities Calendar](#)
- Structure of SEPAC
 - Introductions (15 minutes)
 - Learning/training opportunity (30 minutes) if applicable
 - Items from Special Services (15 minutes)
 - Items from Families (30-45 minutes)
 - What are items for SEPAC?
 - Closing (15 minutes)
- Janet Scales, Speech & Language Therapist - [Mindfulness](#) & [Breathing Printables](#)

Items from the S.E.P.A.C. Chairperson- Caitlyn Babcock

- Follow-ups:
 - Transitions
 - CST Protocols - Draft IEP. Standards for case managers.
 - iReady
 - CPI
 - Sensory Reading Program
 - Reading Teachers: What are they certified in and how are they being utilized in the 5 elementary schools? Only assigned to general education?
- Alternate Options for foreign language in middle school/ high school. Class class to meet graduation requirements.
- Consistency between elementary schools for spirit days
- SRT: Procedure for home school inviting out of district or program students to events. Allow parents to know it is available. PTO concerned with confidentiality.
- Inclusion Kindergarten - Target support to be able to properly place with the goal to remove supports.