

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

Community Relations sub-Committee of the Arlington School Committee

Minutes

Friday December 11, 2020

4:30 PM

Conducted by Remote Participation

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/order-suspending-certain-provision-of-open-meeting-law/download>

Open Meeting 4:30 pm

Attendees: Liz Exton, Jeff Thielman, Bill Hayner

Kathy Bodie, Rod MacNeal, Rod Spiegel, Alison Elmer, David Good – School Administration

Inae Hwang, Sarah Banton - SEPAC

1. Public Comment: NONE
2. Discuss the 3 SC Chats and vote on continuation
 - a. All members agree that all three SC Chats were a success, and the consensus was that there was better attendance.
 - b. Inae Hwang asked to consider adding a fourth meeting for potential focus groups – she will be sending to the chair suggested topics for this fourth meeting
 - c. Motion made by Jeff, seconded by Liz to continue these groups using the format presented with the fourth one added
 - d. I will prepare an updated calendar for presentation to the full committee at the December 17th meeting
3. SEPAC - discuss challenges SEPAC is having with communication to the community due to changes in the School Messenger system
 - a. Discussion regarding finding a way to communicate to interested individuals about special education matters
 - b. They have a need to get a list of people in the community to inform them of upcoming programs and information

- c. David Good indicated he will look into a way of doing this with in the school policies
- d. Inae and Sarah indicated that they want to set up a Facebook page that will be only for announcing upcoming events – it will not allow comments. There will be a link from the Arlington School web page to the new SEPAC web page and from there individuals can connect to the Facebook page.
- e. This link from the school server will have a disclaimer indicating that the page they reader is going to is not an Arlington Public School web page.
- f. Initially they wanted approval to set up the Facebook page and we indicated that they did not need our approval to set it up in that it was done on a private server not the schools server.

4. Future agenda items: David Good will report back on what he has been able to do

5. Adjournment: 5:33 pm