

Farmington River Regional School District
Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

January 30, 2023, 3 pm

Minutes

Farmington River Elementary School Library

Masks Optional

[Zoom Option](#)

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Attendees: Mike Saporito, Denise Hardie, Jake Finkel, Courtney Brake, Paul Adams, Trish Tetreault, Leo Tetreault
- **Purpose of the SPED PAC**
 - Denise Hardy described the role and purpose of the SEPAC, emphasizing the advisory role to the school committee and administrators, and the role in development and evaluation of our program. Understanding what families need and want in the program and sharing their perspectives will further enhance the program. Denise briefly explained the operational procedures that will need to be followed and shared some resources, including the SEPAC website from Canton, MA, and the website for the Federation for Children With Special Needs (www.fcsn.org).
- **Re-Forming the PAC**
 - Next steps include creating and conducting a survey for parents to determine interest in the council. Denise will prepare a draft and send it out to the attendees for feedback. That survey should go out by the end of February.
- **Parent Rights**
 - Presentation by Michael Saporito
 - Mike Saporito presented information on parents' rights and safeguards guaranteed by state and federal Special Education laws.
- **Motion to Adjourn**