

Fairfax County SEPTA

January 24, 2019 **MINUTES**

General Membership Meeting & Round Table Discussion

7pm-9pm (registration 6:30-7)

Luther Jackson Middle School

3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042



6:30-7pm **Registration and mingling**

7:00pm **I. Call to order, Quorum Count & Approve Agenda (10 Members = Quorum)**

Called to order at 7:12 pm.-16 members in the audience including the following Board Members: Ami B., Joanne W. Cathy G., Kim W., Rachna H., Kate V., Norm H., Laura A., and Diane C.

7:05pm **II. Announcements & Introductions (Diane Cooper-Gould & Board)**

- A little about SEPTA
- Great IEP Binder Building event 1/12! Thank you to all who joined us!
- **Voices Around the IEP Table Book signing and discussion: RESCHEDULING!**
Rescheduled for Monday, February 25th at Robinson.
- **Next Gen Mem meeting: February 26th** - Guest Speaker/Announce Slate of Nominees for 2019-2020
- **I'm Determined! Two Dates Available:** March 19 @ 7pm & April 3 @ 6:30 - Co-sponsored with Formed Families Forward and CHADD
- **Abira & The Mountain (Free Performance!):** March 23 @ 2pm Robinson Secondary School
- **REELAbilities Film Festival Screening: This Business of Autism:** Wednesday, March 6 at 7 pm at Robinson. Several people who made the film will be there as well!! Festival itself is March 3-16
- **SEPTA MAGNET FUNDRAISER!** (\$10) Fundraising Update!
- **FCPS Special Education Conference:** Save the date! Saturday, April 6- Diane commented on how there are a variety of Workshops and event is 8 am to 3 pm.

7:20pm **III. Treasurer Report (Ami Todd)**

- Report is available on-line. Ami Todd is stepping down as Treasurer.

MOTION: To nominate Rich Hem as SEPTA's new treasurer. Motion: Joanne Walton 2nd by: Cathy Greulich. Approved unanimously. 16 voting members.

7:30pm **IV. Membership Update (Kate Volpe)**

- 114 Members in SEPTA now.
- Flyer to be available of SEPTA events and recommend you send to your PTAs.

7:35pm **V. Call for 2019-2020 Officer Nominating Committee!**

- Laura Baker, Debbie Kilpatrick, and Norm Hall volunteered to be on nominating committee.

MOTION: Move we have a nominating committee of Laura Baker, Debbie Kilpatrick and Norm Hall. Motion: Cathy Greulich. 2nd by: Joanne Walton. Approved Unanimously.

7:45pm **VI. Advocacy Update and Opportunities**

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- Norm Hall and Diane Cooper-Gould reviewed the statements below. The Superintendent assumes a \$36 million dollar increase in state funding contingent upon the General Assembly passing the government's budget. Important to speak up.
 - VAPTA Advocacy Conference: Richmond Jan. 26-27, & PTA Advocacy Day at GA Jan 28
 - #Red4Ed March & Rally on Advocacy Day on the lawn of VA Capitol
 - FCPS School Board Budget Hearing, Monday, January 28
 - 2 Bills to watch in VA Gen Assembly - Raising the Caps on Autism Coverage. Currently ASD services only required to be covered from ages 2-10.
LIFT THE AGE CAP HB2577 and SB1693 in Virginia

Background:

The law in Virginia requires medical insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder for children ages 2-10 years old. Insurance companies that are state-regulated can stop insurance coverage for autism diagnosis and treatment at age cap of 10 years old. (the Age Cap) We have two bills to lift the Age Cap of on autism insurance coverage in Virginia:

- **HB2577** Lifts the Age Cap of age 10 completely off of state regulated large group plans.
- **SB1693** Lifts the Age Cap of age 10 to age 18 for state regulated large group plans. There is a difference in the bills and they must match in the end. We are pushing for NO AGE CAP.

ACTION:

Today, please contact your Virginia Delegate and Senator that represent you and call or email them.

- **HB2463** - Shifting the burden of proof in Special Education Due Process Hearings - email went out today

7:50pm **VII. Membership Roundtable Discussions**

Ice Breakers-Break Out Topics: Age Groups (Pre-K and Lower Elementary) (Higher Elementary) (Middle School and High School) and 2E.

8:59 pm **Adjourn**