

Fairfax County SEPTA

April 27, 2021

General Membership Meeting

7:00-9:00PM

Virtual - Zoom



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

7:05pm **II. Special Education Update - Michelle Boyd & Mike Bloom**

7:35pm **II. Announcements and Updates**

- Elections - ballots will be emailed tomorrow morning to paid SEPTA members
- Join our board! Email Michelle - president@fairfaxcountysepta.org
- Mini Grants - Winners from Spring! **Year total ~\$4800**
 - Saja Salih - Waples Mill ES - emotional support stories/workbooks
 - Kristi McGeeha - Chesterbrook - sensory walk
 - Amy LaCrosse - Rolling Valley ES - self-advocacy skills supplies
 - Miriana Simova-Tete - Pimmit Hills ECRC - Handwriting without Tears
 - Amy Talbot - Burke School - flexible seating kick boards
- Brief Advocacy Update: literacy, access across areas of need & placement, autism BCD, Ross Greene,
- FCPS Special Education Handbook for Parents:
<https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/SpecialEducationParentHandbook.pdf> For hard copy, email the Parent Resource Center: prc@fcps.edu

Upcoming Events:

- **ACSD (Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities) Meeting -** Wednesday, May 12 @ 7:00PM - open to the public.
- **SEPTA Awards Ceremony -** Saturday, May 22, 2021

8:00pm **III. Guest Speaker Joan Green: Leveraging the Benefits of Technology to Support Learning**

- Ms. Green is a speech-language pathologist, assistive technology specialist, online tech coach, and mother of 4 young adults. For 35 years, she has helped children and adults with both developmental and acquired disabilities. Joan has written and published 4 books about using assistive technology in special education and regularly speaks on a wide variety of communication, cognitive, literacy, and learning topics.
- Most recent book (3rd edition): *Assistive Technology in Special Education: Resources for Education, Intervention and Rehabilitation*
- Website: <https://innovativespeech.com/>

9:00 pm

Adjourn

Thank you for attending; we hope to see you at our next event!

Feel free to contact SEPTA any time via email or Facebook.

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SEPTA Board and Delegates

All email addresses are @fairfaxcountysepta.org

Titles in boldface are committees - email chair to join or complete form:

<https://fairfaxcountysepta.org/volunteercommittee-sign-up/>

President: Michelle Cades - president@

Vice President: Amanda Campbell - vicepresident@

Secretary: Stephanie Smith - secretary@

Treasurer: Rich Hem - treasurer@

ACSD liaison: Ally Baldassari - acsdliasion@

Advocacy chair: Diane Cooper Gould - advocacy@

Awards Chair: Jenn Benecke - awards@

Communications co-chairs: Rachel Macias & Helen Minor - communications@

Educator & SEPTAs liaison co-chairs: Jenn Kruzynski & Sarah Moore - teacherliasion@

Events & Programming chair: Cheri Belkowitz - events@

FCCPTA delegate: Jenn Benecke - fccptaliasion@

Fundraising chair: Barbara Burgess - fundraising@

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Mini Grants chair: Lauren McCaughey - minigrants@

Reflections chair: Lynn Smith - reflections@

Special Ed Liaisons chair: Kate Volpe - spedliaisons@

Twice Exceptional co-chairs: Lee Ellis & Christina Hunt - 2ecommittee@

Underserved Populations chair: VACANT - underserved@

Volunteer coordinator: Cathy Greulich - volunteer@