

Fairfax County SEPTA

November 16, 2021

General Membership Meeting

7:00-9:00 PM, Virtual - Zoom



7:10pm **I. Call to order (72 members in Zoom)**

7:12pm **II. Announcements & Reports**

- Vacancies & Opportunities:
 - Chairperson needed: **Fundraising**
 - Committees to join: Advocacy, Fundraising, School Liaisons, 2e, Communications, Underserved Populations, Reflections, Mini-Grants, Events, Exhibits, Military Family Liaisons
- SEPTA at Work
 - Quarterly meetings with DSS Administration
 - Interview panel member (upcoming) FCPS Coordinator SEL & SEL Systems Specialist
 - Seat on FCPS Calendar Committee - ASL at recent FCPS Town Hall
 - Meeting with Chief Equity Officer re: inclusion of students with disabilities
 - Meetings with FCPS Instructional Services Team & DDVA (Decoding Dyslexia) regarding Literacy/SOR; Informational meeting with MTSS
 - Seat on FCPS Literacy Steering Committee
 - Member of Northern Virginia Family Network
 - National PTA Parent-School Partnership Grant Awardee
 - FCCPTA Board Meetings
- IEP Fundraiser
 - <https://tinyurl.com/ArmchairFundraiser-SEPTA>
- Treasurer - Financial Report
- ACSD Update

7:20pm **III. Upcoming Events**

- **School Board Meeting** - Monday, November 22, at 7pm
 - National Inclusive Schools Week Resolution; October Separations report (includes 25 teachers & 13 IAs)
- **ACSD Meeting** - December 8, at 7PM, Gatehouse Room 3050/51.
 - Public comment can be submitted via email until Tuesday night at 5pm, or show up in-person on the night of the 10th to speak.
- **SEPTA General Membership Meeting** - Tuesday, January 18, at 7pm.
 - Presentation on SROs (School Resource Officers) in schools & their interactions with students with disabilities, plus Chair of the Police Civilian Review Panel
 - National PTA Parent-School Partnership listening sessions - Be heard! SEPTA is one of three PTA's nationwide to receive grants to hold listening sessions for parents and families to share opinions and concerns. SEPTA will be holding three listening sessions next year.

- **Inclusive Schools Week 2021** is December 6-12; “Rebuilding Our Inclusive Community Together.”

7:31pm

Adjourned Business Meeting

Followed by Dr. Jonathan Dalton, guest speaker, Supporting Children with Anxiety
Dr. Dalton is a licensed psychologist, public speaker, and author who founded the Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Change (CABC) in Rockville, MD, which is a private treatment center dedicated to using evidence-based treatment for patients with anxiety disorders. He received his undergraduate degree in psychology from Villanova University, a master's degree in psychology from The Catholic University of America, and a doctorate in clinical psychology from Fordham University with a specialization in child and family psychology. He completed two years of pre-doctoral training at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine - Kennedy Krieger Institute, and advanced postdoctoral training at the Maryland Center for Anxiety Disorders at the University of Maryland. He specializes in the treatment of anxiety disorders in children and adolescents with a particular focus on anxiety-based school refusal. He frequently consults with school systems across the country, provides training to other mental health professionals, and presents to community organizations.

Presentation Available at [SEPTA Youtube Channel](#)

**Thank you for attending; we hope to see you at our next event!
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SEPTA Board and Delegates

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Mini Grants chair: Lauren McCaughey - minigrants@

Reflections chair: Jenn Benecke - reflections@

Special Ed Liaisons chair: Kate Volpe - spedliaisons@

Twice Exceptional chair: Emily Haeckel (**co-chair position available**) - 2ecommittee@

Underserved Populations chair: Margaret Behrns - underserved@

Volunteer coordinator: Cathy Greulich - volunteer@