Concord Public Schools and Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)
February 5th, 2018
7:30-9:00 pm
Ripley Building, Conference Room 1
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Attendance
Carol Yelle, President
Bettina Stevens, Vice President
Tali Brunye-Ditman, Communications chair
Shaina Brito, Events chair
Becky Robichaud, Technology chair
Casey Atkins, Membership chair
Helen McKinlay, Publicity Chair
Heather Bout, Chair CPS School Committee and CCRSD School Committee member
Melissa McMorrow, CCRSD School Committee member
Leanne Lanieri, community member
Sara Wilson, community member

1. Open meeting at 7:32 pm

2. No public comments

3. The Concord Public Schools and Concord-Carlisle Regional School District proposed 2018-19 school budgets were presented by Heather Bout and Melissa McMorrow.

The school committees (CPS and CCRSD) and Superintendent Laurie Hunter have already made significant cuts to their original budgets for the next fiscal year. Any further cuts will directly impact the children with the removal or reduction of programs e.g K-5 Spanish.
The school committees have voted and approved these reduced budgets and these warrants will be presented to Town Meeting. The Concord Town Meeting will be held on the evenings of 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th April 2018. Traditionally the school budgets are discussed on the first night.

Before Town Meeting, these budgets will be presented at the Concord Finance Committee Public Hearing on Education budgets and articles in an effort to gain agreement. This hearing will be held on Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Harvey Wheeler Center.

A strategic planning committee has been formed to begin the process of planning for the future of our schools. The team will develop a common vision for what we would like the schools to become. The district strategic plan will be created from this vision as well as the action plans that will guide its implementation.

The school committee would like parental support at both the Finance Committee Meeting on 27th February as well as Town Meeting on 9th April.

4. A vote was held for the SEPAC Board to support the CPS budget. Casey Atkins moved a motion to support the budget, Tali Brunye-Ditman seconded the motion and all the Board members present voted to support.

The SEPAC statement of support is as follows:

Concord Public Schools and Concord-Carlisle Regional School District Special Education Parent Advisory Council supports the Concord Public Schools committee recommended budget for the fiscal year 2019.

A second vote was held for the SEPAC Board to support the CCRSD budget. Casey Atkins moved a motion to support the budget. Tali Brunye-Ditman seconded the motion and all the Board members present voted to support.

The SEPAC statement of support is as follows:

5. SEPAC review of School Committee Policies: Carol Yelle proposed the forming of a sub committee to review the three policies - Special Instructional Programs and Accomodations, Observations of Special Education Programs and Programs for Students with Disabilities. Tali Dittman, Shaina Brito and Becky Robichaud volunteered to form the sub committee. They will make recommendations to the SEPAC Board and then Melissa McMorrow will take these revised policies to the School Committees for approval.

6. Meeting closed at 9:05 pm