1. Open meeting at 12:44pm

2. No public comments

3. November meeting minutes approved. Joanne will send to Becky, Concord and Carlisle town clerks for posting.

4. No correspondences to share

5. Items for discussion

   o The district is sponsoring a state agency vendor fair for parents to be held on March 27. Heather Murphy, transition specialist at CCHS is working with Carol and state agencies to coordinate.

   o School committee approved SEPAC’s request for remote access to the board meeting. One member may connect this way.
o Carol reached out to Jessica regarding the status of the old Concord SPEDPAC website. The website was removed from the district special education webpage. Jessica is open to meeting with Melody (owner of Concord SPEDPAC) to discuss next steps.

o The District Strategic Planning Committee is looking for a SEPAC rep to serve on committee. Tali is interested in attending as SEPAC rep, Casey as a preschool parent representative.

o Carol approached Sally Quinn Reed from the Center for Parents and Teachers for ideas of groups that could potentially provide financial support for our programs. SEPAC would like to schedule an event with Ron Suskind, author of Life, Animated and is looking for ways to finance it. Suggestions include partnering with neighboring community SEPACs. Casey recommended approaching the Concord Ed fund, Community Chest and local churches. Shaina suggests running the event in similar manner to “Screenagers” movie and charge a small fee.

6. School Committee Report
Melissa McMorrow, our school committee advisor couldn’t attend. Carol will ask Melissa to request time on the April school committee agenda for our award presentations and late May/early June agenda for our survey results/end of the year presentation.

7. Chair reports/updates
   o President
   Carol met with Jessica in December and discussed the upcoming vendor fair and SPEDPAC website. Pre-K parents are asking for information on the new elementary sub-separate classroom in Thoreau. Pre-planning in the works, no staffing yet. Purpose of classroom is to keep more children in-district. Jessica felt the October back to school coffee went well and it was helpful to have Laurie Hunter attend. Accept the Challenge will not be held this year. Carol attended PTG president’s meetings. Great information being shared among schools. Thoreau is looking to install a new playground. Laurie Hunter reviewed the budget. Finance hasn’t agreed on it. If school budget isn’t approved at town meeting, there will be significant cuts.
Membership
Helen sent Mediation event details to liaisons. Responsiveness is mixed. May need new liaisons for middle schools and potentially some elementary schools.

Events
The reading event with Nancy Duggan was very well attended. Lot of interest among parents on how to apply the new information. Nancy offered to host a private page on her Facebook page for us to provide more support. A few parents are interested in out-of-district social gathering. Shaina would like at least two board members in attendance at PAC events. Mediation event will be held January 29th 10-11:30am, Ripley conference room 1. Shaina will have a sheet for board members to sign up to attend. Polly Meyer created a universal town event calendar. This is another place to post our events. Shaina will ask Helen to add our events to it at eventjuggler.com. Spring events are not available yet. Melissa announced the West Concord Union church will be holding a multi-sensory performance on understanding learning styles on March 18th from 3-5pm. Event is open to all.

Technology: Becky is working to keep the website up to date and will post new community events. She is working to resolve an Eventbrite problem. Our Facebook articles receive a lot of hits. If you have an article to post on Facebook send it to Becky.

Communications: Newsletter sent. Tali asking for newsletter submissions one week before the first of March or May. Becky will add a post on website asking for newsletter ideas. Tali will send newsletter to Carol to proofread. Tali and Joanne will work on appreciation awards for this year. Carol with ask Jessica for money to purchase awards. Tali will work with Helen to publicize appreciation announcement on school websites (awards are open to 504 or IEP families). Submissions are due at the end of February. Tali will give Helen an announcement for a separate mailing for mid-month reminder. Tali and Joanne will work on the survey. Survey mailing tentatively set for mid-March.

Publicity: Helen is still to review the overall approach to publicity. The mediation and facilitated team meetings publicity is in the school bulletins and external publicity will begin next week.
8. Tali voted and confirmed as SEPAC representative on the District Strategic Planning Committee.

9. Meeting closed at 2:13 pm