

NORTHWEST SPECIAL EDUCATION REGION

LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)

(Serving Foster, foster/Glocester, Glocester and Scituate School Districts)

February 26, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Denise Brierley, Assistant Special Education Director, welcomed the parents who attended.

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m. in the special education office.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no minutes from the last LAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

 Reviewed and discussed RIPIN fact sheet on Local Advisory Committees

 Shared invitation to the SEAC “Strategies for Success” workshop being offered

 By-Laws were presented for the attendees review. No action was taken.

 Interest/input for next year’s topics:

- **One parent talked about a lack of a “ground network” for parent communication. Discussed the difficulties in recruiting members and better ways to “get the word out.” Once suggestion was a Facebook page linking to regional schools and community resources.**

- **Discussed a concern about the lack of community awareness regarding students with differences – how can we help community members (bus drivers, lunchroom workers, educators, peers) better understand?**

- **Discussed that transitions from one school to another, or sometimes transitions within a school, are challenging for some students – how can we make that smoother?**

OTHER:

 A second reading of the By-Laws was deferred to the next meeting as there were only a few members present.

 Nominations were not made for the upcoming school year as there were only a few members present.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.