



New Hope-Solebury School District **Special Education Committee Minutes**

February 22, 2017—6:00PM
Upper Elementary School Library

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Attendance

- **School Board** – Jennifer Gormley (Chair)
- **Administration** – Alyssa Marton
- **Committee Members** – Jennifer Block, Jennifer Jones, Nancy Lawson, Deborah Peckman, , Kristine Quinby, Patty Reidy
- **Public** – Alina Christy, Lourdes deJesus, Soron Zimov Levinson, Tali Natan, Rene Padilla, Karen Patrohay, Evan Patrohay, Gretchen Reilly, Rory Yerkes

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Gormley at 6:00PM.

Old Business

- The minutes from the January 12, 2017 meeting were approved, with the addition of Nancy Lawson.

New Business

- Students Tali Natan and Evan Patrohay introduced themselves, who will discuss having special education students involved in school and community opportunities.
- Mrs. Gormley reviewed the proposed SEC Mission Statement.
- Mrs. Marton discussed that she and Mrs. Gormley reached out to adult leaders of school activities to build a community that is inclusive within the school and community.
- Evan Patrohay discussed the activities of the Changing Social Perspectives Club; Mrs. Gormley asked if he could reach out as activities come up to involve special education students.
- Tali Natan discussed the GSA Club and its activities, and they will advise the SEC of upcoming events to involve special education students.
- Mrs. Gormley shared an idea of a day of making ribbons for Autism Awareness month; another idea is to host an Autism Speaks walk in New Hope for next year.
- For this year, an Autism Day on campus with vendors, face painting, water balloon toss, etc. and provide resources as well and make T-shirts “New Hope is Aware” was suggested. April 23 or 30 were suggested dates and make it inclusive of other disabilities.
- Mrs. Marton explained ESY, what to expect, and procedures for this summer.
- Mrs. Marton discussed the change to Austill’s for OT, PT, and Speech providers.

Public Comment

Attendees offered comments and suggestions throughout the various discussions.

Adjournment

Mrs. Gormley adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Marton, M.Ed., BCBA
Director of Special Education