

Attendance: Kelly Brown, co-chair; Sam Hunter, co-chair; Pilar Goldstein-Dea, communications; Todd Snider, secretary

Meeting Notes/ Review of Previous Months Action Items:

- ❖ Vacant board roles still yet to be defined, promoted & recruited
 - Potential treasurer candidate was not able to accept position, but is willing to answer questions, if needed
- ❖ Winter/Spring presentation rescheduling/reshuffling:
 - 1/11: Sam Hunter, DDS (filling-in for Sarah Chaplin from RSI)
 - 2/15: Antigone Lively, Understanding the New IEP Forms
 - 3/19: Transition Event
 - 4/23: Executive Function Presentation: Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC-SLP
 - 5/16: Caregiver Roundtable
- ❖ Tech Updates:
 - YouTube Channel in progress, but every speaker and attendee has been explicitly made aware when a recording has been made, and we will continue to do so in the future
 - Basic website and socials traffic report still developing
 - Google Drive is rebuilt
- ❖ December Flyer - Flyer content was delayed and while it was circulated via email and online platforms, it was not printed and distributed to backpacks
- ❖ ESY Survey - Goal to compile results, discuss internally then with school and school committee in December was not met. New goal is February.
- ❖ Community Engagement
 - Sam scheduled to attend 12/19 FCSN C2C Respite Network info session then report back to board
 - EHS & MVS Neurodiversity Clubs
 - Todd's 12/11 meeting with EHS club and advisors was canceled by advisors (each advisor canceled for separate reasons), and will need to be rescheduled in new year
 - MVS club meeting will also need to be scheduled in new year (they were reorganizing at end of 2023)
 - EHS club would like CAN-DO's support for two of their upcoming events: 1. Neurodiversity Celebration Week; 2. Autism Acceptance: Red Instead Day
 - Local community college outreach
 - STCC & HCC: Sam reached out but has yet to hear back
 - Asnuntuck: Pilar has not yet reached out to contact Jillian Sullivan, but plans to by next meeting
 - Local SEPACs

- Kelly emailed Antigoni about connecting us with Hampshire Regional SEPAC (*Antigoni has since connected us to Nicole Heroux, Director of Student Services*)
- Sam plans to contact some of his contacts from other local SEPACs regarding boosting attendance and engagement
- Kelly has written CAN-DO press release and plans to email to Mayor's Office soon
- ❖ January Content
 - Pilar to create a flyer of remaining winter and spring presentations
- ❖ Other updates:
 - Kelly will be meeting with Jill regarding school visuals, inclusivity
- ❖ Future agenda items:
 - Ideas to increase caregiver engagement
 - Disability Awareness Month (including providing support to Neurodiversity Club)
 - MVS Equity Team