

Billerica Parent Advisory Council for Special Education

Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2011 / BMHS Lecture Hall

I Call to Order

Susan Hopkins – Chairperson, called to order the regular meeting of the BPACSPE at 7pm on January 20, 2011 in the BMHS Lecture Hall.

II Roll Call / Board Members in Attendance

Susan Hopkins – Chairperson, Kerri Papetti – Vice Chairperson, Michele DeParasis – Treasurer, Donna Gadbois – Contact Person.

III Presentation from the Billerica Homeschooling Association

Tonight we met “ ” and “ ”, who came to speak about what the Billerica H.S. Association is all about. They went through benefits of homeschooling as well as the challenges it can present. They were also able to explain the broad range of home school approaches, such a structured day or an eclectic approach, a liberal arts approach, as well as “Unit studies” which focuses on a topic of interest to your child. They also shared that there are many supports in the community like “co-ops” as well as online through websites like “homeschoolinginmassachusetts.com” so parents do not have to go it alone.

IV Open Issues

- a) Got Books and the principles meeting – Michele DeParasis along with Matt Libby from Got Books met with all the principals to talk about the benefits of the Got Books fundraiser and how it works. They were able

to answer questions the principals had as well as sharing about the benefits to each school financially.

V New Business

- a) Goals for the year – The BPACSPE discussed ways to do more fundraising, as well as find ways to encourage more parent participation.

VI Adjournment

Susan Hopkins – Chairperson, announced meeting adjourned at 9pm. Our next meeting will be February 17, 2011 in the BMHS Lecture Hall. We will host Julie Marashio to make a presentation about 504 plans.

Minutes submitted by: Kerri Papetti – Vice Chairperson