

**Special Education PAC Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2008**

In attendance: K. Smith, Mrs. Goodwin (via phone), M. Baldassarre, Chair

Agenda Items and Information:

1. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2007

Minutes approved.

2. Updates

a. Middle School Alternative Model

The possibility of implementing a Middle School Model for Alternative Education was discussed. At this juncture there are approximately six students who would benefit from alternative programming, two of which could return to Mahar from outside placements at the CAPS collaborative. The Special Education Template to take initial steps to develop this program was discussed and approved by the PAC.

b. PAC Letter to Grade 6 Parents

In an effort to increase PAC attendance, a letter will be sent to the principals of the sending elementary schools. We will attempt to enlist grade 6 Special Education Parents to join us for our February PAC meeting.

c. CAPS

The benefits of a CAPS program to be implemented on the campus of RC Mahar were shared. This proposal will go before the Ralph C Mahar Regional School District School Committee on February 5, 2008.

d. Special Education Program Plan

A copy of the Special Education Program Plan was provided for each attendee.

3. Brainstorming – Parent Outreach Program Grant Proposal

Attendees were asked to share thoughts on the development of a Parent Outreach Program for the purposes of a grant proposal. Both parents in attendance felt that this was a good idea and that it would be a benefit to the Mahar School Community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Baldassarre
Director of Special Education