Next SEPAC Meeting is Friday, November 15
Town Hall, 5th Floor School Committee Conference Room
Interim Superintendent
It was wonderful to again see many old and new faces at the October 11th SEPAC meeting. We were delighted to have Interim Superintendent, Ben Lummis, join us and share his vision for this school year. His slides are available here.

Here are some highlights of the presentation.
Ben wishes to bring civility and positivity into all administration interaction and to ensure all families have a voice and feel heard. His goal is to ensure that all children have the appropriate spaces to learn and to grow within the Brookline Public Schools.

Ben discussed the multiple steps required to create an additional RISE program outside of Runkle, and that this program would potentially be located at Heath School. There will be many opportunities for parent voices to be heard as they move forward and both the Heath and Runkle SEPAC Liaisons will be included in the process.

We have a new Head of Professional Development - Michelle Herman.
Michelle is looking to expand training opportunities for teachers and paras. The entire professional development process has been reworked and now there are more opportunities for grade level teachers to learn together across schools (including special education teachers and specialists).

There's lots more information in Ben's presentation, so please check it out.

**Executive Function Training**

Jillian Dyment (ETF from Heath), discussed the outstanding executive functioning work being done through Cognitive Connections at Heath School, and how the implementation was immediate by many of Heath's Educators. They will be meeting four more times this year for further discussion. SEPAC will be working with Casey Ngo-Miller to try to find ways to expand this training across district.

Parents are invited to Heath School for an Executive Function seminar through Cognitive Connections: January 14, 6-8pm, at the Heath Auditorium. A link will be sent out closer to the event. We expect this will be standing room only, so save the date now and get there early!

**School Committee Update**

School Committee has hired a firm to find the right Superintendent for Brookline Public Schools. As Interim Superintendent, Ben Lummis is not eligible to apply for the Superintendent position. this was done to ensure candidates would believe that we were serious about hiring a new Superintendent and would be encourage to apply. Contract negotiations are on-going, working on a one year salary-only transition plan as negotiations for more comprehensive contract continues.
If you missed it, last year there was an extensive, open and participatory process to recommend a new name for Coolidge Corner School. Students led the effort with support from parents and faculty and sent 4 names to School Committee as their recommendations. School Committee chose Florida Ruffin Ridley as the new name for CCS.

Since then two other names have been suggested by other Brookline residents, Ethel Weiss and Robert Sperber.

All three names will be voted on by Town Meeting. The last name to get 50%+1 vote will become the new name. Florida will be voted first, then Ethel, the Robert. If you have an opinion on which name should be the new name, please email your town meeting member and ask them to vote "YES" for your pick AND vote "NO" for the others.

School Committee will also be taking public comment tonight at 7:15, Town Hall, 5th floor, on this issue.
Meet the specialists meetings continue with wonderful turnout and success thanks to fantastic partnership with administration and SEPAC liaisons, thank you all for your partnership.

Coming Soon!

November 7th - Coolidge Corner School Meet the Specialist 7:45 am - 8:30 am

November 15th SEPAC Meeting - Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will be at our monthly SEPAC meeting to discuss the scope, benefits and limitations of DDS Eligibility.

December 13th SEPAC Meeting - DDS will discuss 688 process (Age 18+ Eligibility) and what services are available for transition and post age 22 services.
We still need SEPAC Liaisons for Baker, BEEP CCS, BEEP Putterham, BEEP Beacon, Coolidge Corner, Lawrence, and Pierce.

Please email info@brooklinesepac.org to volunteer.