



**WOBURN SPECIAL EDUCATION
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**
THE HEART AT WORK.....

Woburn SEPAC

Meeting with WPS Student Services
November 18, 2025: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Virtual Presentation

School Committee Members present: James E. Austin, Jessie Wetzel

WPS administration present: Maureen Ryan, Chris Murphy, Greg Woodland

Meeting led by: Adam Chapman (AC), President; Alex Tisdell (AT), Vice President; John Wetzel (JW), Treasurer; Maura Petty (MP), Secretary

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order (AC, 6:00 p.m.)
- 2) Upcoming events
 - a. SEPAC Chill Zone
 - b. December parent drop-in event? We need your feedback!
 - c. Presentation on Executive Functioning by Sarah Ward - January 21, 2026, at WMHS; Virtual IEP Presentation in February
- 3) School Liaisons - we need YOU!
 - a. Current vacancies at the Linscott, Altavesta, Kennedy MS, and the Early Childhood Program
 - b. Hope to expand and have Program Liaisons (RISE, GAIN, SOAR, PALS) as well in Elementary, MS & HS.
- 4) Introduction of WPS presenters:
 - a. Greg Woodland - Student Support Services Coordinator of Elementary Schools
 - b. Chris Murphy - Coordinator of Programs
 - c. Greg & Chris gave a general overview of the WPS Continuum of Special Education Services, the progression of students through those programs, the providers that are available in each building at the programs, and a detailed look at the services provided in each program.

5) Questions/discussion

- a. Parent question regarding percentage of inclusion in the RISE I and RISE II program. WPS says it's a student-by-student case. Same for the GAIN program: level of inclusion can be tailored to student needs.
- b. Parent question regarding 2E (twice-exceptional: students that are gifted and also have a disability) programming. WPS isn't aware of a 2E program in the works, but didn't rule it out as a future possibility
- c. Parent question from JW asking Mr. Woodland and Mr. Murphy about the main piece of advice/information they would give to parents that are new to special education in Woburn. "Ask lots of questions" was the consensus.
- d. SEPAC question/comment from AC outlining Student Services hierarchy: who to talk to first, who to escalate to, when to loop SEPAC into the conversation.

6) Close of Meeting (AC, 7:37 p.m.)