

Welcome to Fairfield SEPTA

Membership and sign up for activities!

<https://fairfieldsepta.membershiptoolkit.com>

Check out our website: <https://fairfieldsepta.org>



Agenda

September 30, 2020



- *Call to order*
- Welcome to the new school year
 - What's new and what's happening membership, programs, grants...
 - SEPTA Rep Program
- Nominating Committee Report: [Board Slate](#)
 - Tracy Pechkis, Past President, to present slate for 2020-21
 - Slate to be voted on at October Meeting
- Treasurer Report
 - Present [2020-21 budget](#)
- Upcoming dates
 - SEPTA presentation: Oct 7: ABCs of IEPs
 - Teen night will start in October
 - SEPTA Meeting: October 28, 7:30 pm
 - Vote in your New Board
 - Approve our 2020-21 Budget
 - Special Presentation: Onboarding New Caregivers with Rehab Assoc.
- Close business + FPS Presentation

SEPTA Reps

Pre-K
Early Childhood Center (ECC)
 Parent –
 Teacher – Jerriann Mitchell

RLA
Remote Learning Academy
 Parent –
 Teacher –

Elementary

Dwight Parent – Kelcey King
Teacher – Laura Webster (TBC)

Mill Hill Parent –
Teacher –

Riverfield Parent –
Teacher –

Sherman Parent – Katia Garin
Teacher –

Elementary

Holland Hill Parent –
Teacher – Brie Roberts (TBC)

Osborn Hill Parent – Laura King
Teacher –

Jennings Parent – Cynthia Rodriguez
Teacher – Steven Udal

North Stratfield Parent – Katie Flynn (TBC)
Teacher –

Elementary

Burr Parent – Trisha Pytko
Teacher –

McKinley Parent – Alison Foito
Teacher –

Stratfield Parent – Meg Ryan
Teacher – Jennifer Tinelli-Biondo

Middle
Roger Ludlowe Middle School
 Parent – Ann Asher
 Teacher – Kim Mullen (TBC)

Middle
Fairfield Woods Middle School
 Parent – Susana de Moura
 Teacher – Nancy Winstead

Middle
Tomlinson Middle School
 Parent – Bonnie Rotelli
 Teacher –

HS
Fairfield Warde
 Parent – Kelly Takacs
 Teacher –

HS
Fairfield Ludlowe
 Parent – Maria Piccolo
 Teacher –

HS
Walter Fitzgerald Campus
 Parent –
 Teacher –

As of September 28, 2020. Contact Scott Andreason (scottandreason@hotmail.com) to learn more about how to represent SEPTA at your school!



Nominating Report: 2020-2021 Slate

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
President	Christy Vitale*
President-Elect	OPEN
1st Co-VP Fundraising	Emily Lusk
2nd VP Membership	OPEN
Secretary	Kelly McWinnie
Treasurer	Katia Garin*
Treasurer-Elect	OPEN
Administrative Adviser	Rob Mancusi
All Elected Officers Listed Above. *indicates mid-term	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Past President	Tracy Pechkis
Past Treasurer	
Programming Chair	Emily Lusk
Communications Chair (star)	OPEN
Parent Resources Chair	Scott Andreasen
PTA Council Representative	Tracy Pechkis
Board of Ed. Representative	Trisha Pytko
Ed. Budget Representative	Bonnie Rotelli
Early Childhood Center Rep	Jerriann Mitchell
Grants Chair	Kathleen Dunn

STANDING COMMITTEES	
Webmaster	Scott Andreasen
Volunteer Coordinator	
Diversity Day	
Sunshine	Maria Piccolo
Hospitality	
FOS Award	Bonnie Newman
Parks & Rec (town activities / events)	
Gifted & Talented Rep.	

Treasurer Report: 2020-21 Budget

Highlights

- Overall decrease in expenditures for coming year in line with decreased fundraising in 2020 and anticipated challenges in 2021
- Key reductions for single year in: programming and grants

Vote to approve budget at
October meeting

> Budget next

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Budget 2020-2021	6/30/2020-6/30/2021	2019-2020	2020-2021 Budget -- TO BE VOTED ON
Fairfield SEPTA		Actual	
REVENUE			
Fundraising	Giving Thursday	\$ 1,307.58	\$ 2,000.00
	Restaurant Support	\$ 77.70	\$ 300.00
	Holiday Sweets/Pie Sale	\$ 980.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Provider Fair	\$ -	\$ -
	Other Fundraising (Mables Lables...)		\$ 2,000.00
	Total Fundraising		\$ 3,300.00
Membership	Dues collected	\$ 1,949.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Total Membership		\$ 2,000.00
Grants Received	Grants - PTAC	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
	Total Grants		\$ 900.00
Programming	Programming Fees - Teen Night	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00
			\$ -
	Halloween Hijinks 2019 (CT Dance)	\$ 160.00	\$ -
	Pasta Class (2019)	\$ 80.00	\$ -
	Pizza Class (2019)	\$ 120.00	\$ -
	Other Programing	\$ 90.00	\$ 500.00
	A&R Workshop	\$ 80.00	\$ -

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	Ice Skating	\$ 55.00	\$ -
	Bowling	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Programming	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 925.00
Donations	Donations - Cash & Check		\$ -
	Amazon Smiles	\$ 60.64	\$ 50.00
	DONATIONS - SEPTA (PAYPAL)	\$ 180.00	
	DONATIONS - SCHOLARSHIP (PAYPAL)	\$ 195.00	
	SPIRIT WEAR	\$ 270.00	
	United Way		\$ 108.80
	Total Donations	\$ -	\$ 158.80
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 6,929.92	\$ 7,283.80
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expense			
	Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 36.00
	Postage/Mailing	\$ 141.20	\$ 30.00
	Fundraising - Major	\$ -	\$ -
	Fundraising Minor	\$ -	\$ -
	PAYPAL FEES	\$ 104.15	\$ 150.00
	Advertising	\$ -	\$ -
	Sunshine	\$ 151.58	\$ 225.00
	Teacher Appreciation, FOS	\$ -	\$ -

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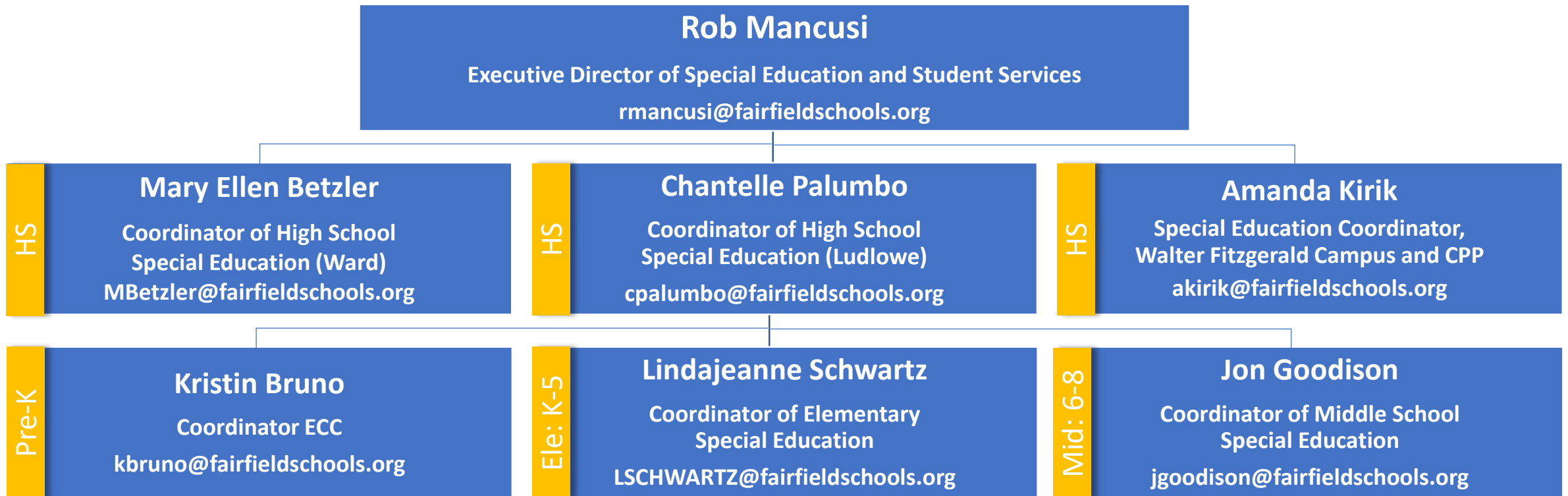
	Website	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00
	Membership (Toolkit)	\$ 298.00	\$ 298.00
	ZOOM Subscription		\$ 159.53
	Supplies (incl. custodial svcs)		\$ -
	Total Administrative Expenses		\$ 1,030.53
PTA Fees	PTA Council Dues	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
	State/National PTA Dues \$5.25 per member	\$ 1,254.00	\$ 1,300.00
	PTA Insurance (AIM)	\$ 370.00	\$ 370.00
		\$ -	
	Total PTA Fees		\$ 1,820.00
Enrichment	Programming	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Halloween Hijinks 2019 CT Dance School	\$ 650.00	
	Ice Skating	\$ 198.00	
	Teen Night	\$ 475.33	\$ 250.00
	Casey's Place	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Diversity Day	\$ -	\$ -
	Grants	\$ 4,498.71	\$ 4,000.00
	Friends of Septa Awards	\$161.69	\$200.00
	SPIRIT WEAR	\$250.89	\$250.00
	PTAC grant	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Adaptive Recreation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ -	
	Total Enrichment		\$ 7,300.00

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Provider Fair Expense	Provider Fair Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Other	President's Discretionary	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
	Kids Care - Meeting Care	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Total Other	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE		-\$ 10,650.53
NET INCOME			\$ 7,283.80
	People Bank Balance - 9/29		\$ 5,030.67
	Paypal Balance - 9/29		\$ 6,442.88
	Less Outstanding Checks		\$ (895.00)
	Add PTAC grant (2019-2020)		\$ 900.00
	TOTAL		\$ 8,111.82

SPED Team Introductions

- Welcome Rob Mancusi, Director of Special Education, and the Fairfield SPED Coordinator Team





SEPTA

Fairfield Special Education PTA, Inc.



- **Fairfield SEPTA is an independent PTA representing students, parents, and teachers across the 18 schools in Fairfield who share an interest in Special Education**



- **Improve** access to social and educational activities and resources for all students, especially those who learn differently



- **Educate** and connect parents to support resources, workshops, and other parents



- **Sponsor** and create adaptive programs and events, many free for member's students (and their families)



- **Support** professional development and new ideas for teachers in classrooms through the SEPTA grant program

Visit us online at: <https://fairfieldsepta.org/> OR Reachout to your school SEPTA Rep!

The Role of the SEPTA Rep

It is Fairfield SEPTA's goal to **improve access** and **information sharing** across the 18 schools in district, that each school should have **2 SEPTA representatives: 1 parent and 1 teacher**

Responsibilities

- **Be (or Become) a SEPTA member**
- **Be Involved:** Attend a minimum of 2 SEPTA meetings each year and introduce yourself to the current Board to encourage information sharing and relationship building
- **Be Aware:** Know what SEPTA offers and be aware of events and priorities for the year, direct parents or staff to SEPTA website (<https://fairfieldsepta.org/>) or to board members based on questions
- **Be a Facilitator:**
 - Your name is available at a school-based level to the local parent population via PTA website and/or SEPTA website
 - Proactively engage with school principal/social worker etc. Introduce yourself and encourage they share your contact information with ALL families with an IEP/504 (or as appropriate)
 - If appropriate, share your details directly with SPED department teachers (liaising with the School's Staff SEPTA rep is key) and introduce yourself to parents
 - Encourage local PTA in development of Diversity Day material and promote SEPTA's Diversity Day Grant program (available to each elementary school)
 - Ensure that your school's website has active and easily identified link(s) to SEPTA website
 - **Staff Rep (specific):**
 - Refer families to SEPTA or to the school parent SEPTA rep, encourage relationship building, and share information about navigating the school and finding resources
 - Share information about SEPTA resources with school-wide staff via staff meetings, encourage staff to refer families to you for information about SEPTA
 - Share information with SEPTA on challenges or programs that you think SEPTA might be able to support, implement, or problem-solve
- **Be a Communicator:** Disseminate information about SEPTA events, meetings etc with home school via local PTA blasts/meetings. Proactively report to the SEPTA Parent Resources committee and the board about *innovative ways your school has included our population* of different learners so we can idea-share across schools
- **Be friendly!** Engage parents/teachers by speaking positively about the school, the district, and the programs SEPTA offers. Answer questions based on your experience and direct parents to resources for broader information. **We do not expect you to have all the answers, but to be open minded and inviting, demonstrating the camaraderie we believe SEPTA can offer to parents**
- **By being involved** we hope you will not only encourage membership and resources but also work with reps across the district to brainstorm ways to encourage and facilitate improved access to traditional PTA events for your special education population

Email SEPTA Parent Resources (scottandreasen@hotmail.com) or info@fairfieldsepta.org with questions about being your school's SEPTA Rep!

