

Welcome to Fairfield SEPTA

Membership and sign up for activities!

<https://fairfieldsepta.membershiptoolkit.com>

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



Agenda

February 23, 2022



- *Call to order*
 - Welcome – General Meeting
 - Budget update – Currently \$13,623
 - Grants – \$4000 allocated across 12+ schools
 - Fundraising/Programs
 - Fairfield County Giving Day February 24 (24 hours of giving!)
 - fcgives.org search Fairfield SEPTA
 - Membership
 - Ideas and topics for discussion
 - Police Committee: Fairfield PD Behavioral Health Network
 - Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - SHU Theater: sensory viewings
 - Resource Fair
 - Special Ed Dept Report – Rob Mancusi
 - Any other business

TOMORROW!
February 24
All day!

Starting at midnight
tonight... 24 hours of
fundraising begins.
Click to add your
SUPPORT

<https://www.fcgives.org/organizations/fairfield-septa>



Fairfield County Giving Day

02.24.22
Giving Day
powered by
Fairfield County's
Community Foundation

BANK OF AMERICA 



1 day and counting...

JOIN US!

February 24, 2022
12am - 11:59pm



Discussion points

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - Still possible to complete the survey: <https://www.fairfieldparksandrecplan.com/>
 - Small things: identify accessible playgrounds
 - Large things: Fairfield Special Olympics
 - Other: Summer camp/special playgrounds
- Police Committee: Fairfield PD Behavioral Health Network
 - Eddie Weihe reviving a collaborative to engage with community groups
- Resource Fair
- SHU Theater: sensory viewings
 - Matt Oestreicher contact

Fairfield PD Behavioral Health Network

Initial agencies invited to collaborate

- Child and Family Guidance
- Care Coordination
- EMPS
- Operation Hope
- Fairfield Senior/Social services
- DMHAS/Mobil Crisis
- NAMI
- SEPTA
- SEPTA ideas...

Special Ed Dept Report – Rob Mancusi

- Middle School Block Schedule
- Staffing Update
- Budget Update
- Social Emotional Needs Assessment
- State rolling out a new IEP system

BACKUP

SPED Team
SEPTA Reps



SEPTA Roles and Responsibilities

Executive Committee	
President	Coordinate the work of the officers and committees to ensure that the mission and responsibilities of SEPTA are met
President-Elect	Watch and see! This is a learning role. Will fill in for the President if he/she cannot attend
1st Co-VP Fundraising	Coordinate fundraising efforts, support efforts of the collective executive committee and board
2nd VP Membership	Coordinate active membership campaign with board support, track and maintain via Membership Toolkit
Secretary	Accurately record and prepare the minutes of all PTA business at membership and board meetings and maintenance of business correspondence
Treasurer	Keep accurate financial records of all PTA gross income, receipts and disbursements
Treasurer-Elect	Assist the Treasurer in his/her duties. learn the Role!
Administrative Adviser	Liaison on behalf of district to provide support and encourage active communication
Board of Directors	
Past President	Advise the incoming leadership, function as Nominating Committee Chair
Past Treasurer	Support to incoming treasurer
Programming Chair	plan and coordinate programs across membership to include parent as well as student activities
Communications Chair (star)	Coordinate communications including social media and bi-monthly newsletter
Parent Resources Chair	Coordinate parent-focused resources and oversee SEPTA resource recommendations
PTA Council Representative	Liaise on behalf of SEPTA with PTAC, attend meetings and coordinate shared activities
Board of Ed. Representative	Listen and report back goings on at BOE
Ed. Budget Representative	Listen and report back goings on at BOE and BOF
Early Childhood Center Rep	Coordinate information event b/t SEPTA and the ECC
Grants Chair	Coordinate committee to oversee grant application and delivery process
Committees	
Webmaster	Know a little word press? Help keep www.fairfieldSEPTA.org up to date
Volunteer Coordinator	Help reach out to the SEPTA community to staff/run in person events or fundraisers
Diversity Day	Connect SEPTA diversity goals with elementary Diversity Day efforts
Sunshine	When someone needs a little SEPTA love, help to send a little something to let them know we are thinking of them



SEPTA Reps

**We need contacts at EVERY school!
Contact us if you have volunteered
to be a SEPTA Rep at your school!**

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

Elementary

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

Mill Hill Parent –
Teacher –

Riverfield Parent – Katie Holley/
Maureen Mooney
Teacher – Aubrey Nolan

Sherman Parent – Katia Garin
Teacher –

Elementary

Holland Hill Parent – Wendy Papageorge
Teacher – Brie Roberts

Osborn Hill Parent – Laura King
Teacher –

Jennings Parent –
Teacher – Steven Udal

North Stratfield Parent – Katie Flynn
Teacher –

Elementary

Burr Parent – Trisha Pytko/Hannah
Smith Wolfgang
Teacher –

McKinley Parent – Erik Hayden
Teacher –

Stratfield Parent –
Teacher – Jennifer Tinelli-Biondo

Middle **Roger Ludlowe Middle School**
Parent – Ann Asher
Teacher –

Middle **Fairfield Woods Middle School**
Parent –
Teacher – Nancy Winstead

Middle **Tomlinson Middle School**
Parent –
Teacher –

HS **Fairfield Warde**
Parent –
Teacher – Sarah Sykes

HS **Fairfield Ludlowe**
Parent – Maria Piccolo
Teacher – Jen Mengold

HS **Walter Fitzgerald Campus**
Parent –
Teacher –

HS **Community Partnership Program**
Parent – Laurie Parnell
Teacher –

DRAFT 2021 TBC. Contact Scott Andreason (scottandreason@hotmail.com)
to learn more about how to represent SEPTA at your school!



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!



SEPTA Board Slate 2021-2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	2020-2021	2021-2022
President	Christy Vitale*	Christy Vitale*
President-Elect	OPEN	OPEN
1st Co-VP Fundraising	Emily Lusk	Emily Lusk
2nd VP Membership	OPEN	OPEN
Secretary	Kelly McWinnie	Patty Donohue
Treasurer	Katia Garin*	Katia Garin*
Treasurer-Elect	OPEN	OPEN
Administrative Adviser	Rob Mancusi	Rob Mancusi

All Elected Officers Listed Above.

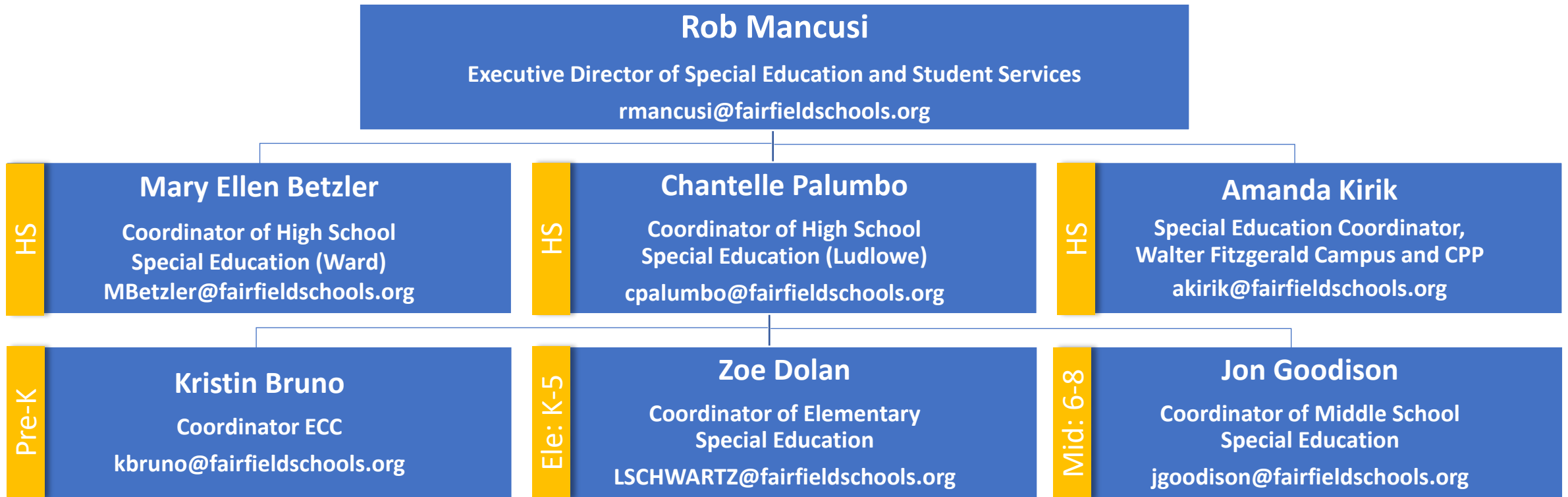
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Past President	Tracy Pechkis	
Past Treasurer		
Programming Chair	Emily Lusk	Emily Lusk
Communications Chair (star)	OPEN	OPEN
Parent Resources Chair	Scott Andreasen	Scott Andreasen
PTA Council Representative	Tracy Pechkis	
Board of Ed. Representative	Trisha Pytko	Bonnie Rotelli
Ed. Budget Representative	Bonnie Rotelli	
Early Childhood Center Rep	Jerriann Mitchell	Jerriann Mitchell
Grants Chair	Kathleen Dunn	OPEN

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.	

SPED Team

- 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!