



Special Education Parent Advisory Council

The town of Fairhaven joins with the town of Acushnet to offer an advisory council for parents of students with disabilities. The combined organization is called the Acushnet/Fairhaven Special Education Parent Advisory Council (AFSEPAC). The group is chaired jointly by parents from each town. Meetings are held four times each year. Any parent of a child with special needs, any teacher, or any interested community member is welcome to participate.

The meetings typically begin at 6:30 with a brief business component, followed by a presentation on topics of interest to parents of students with disabilities which lasts approximately one hour. The council's purpose is to advise the special education directors on special education services and procedures and to provide support to parents of children with special needs.

The council maintains a book, DVD and video lending library for parents and teachers. Materials can be borrowed from the libraries at either the Acushnet Elementary School or the East Fairhaven Elementary School. If parents or teachers have suggestions for purchases for the library they are invited to contact the AFSEPAC chairperson or the Director of Special Education in their respective community.

Each year the council also provides training for parents on their rights in the special education process.

Current Chairpersons:

Fairhaven - Mrs. Sheryl Aguiar 508-999-4350

Acushnet - Mrs. Wendi Charbonneau 508-763-2975

Meetings for the 2010-11 School Year:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| October 4, 2010 | Ford Middle School, Acushnet |
| January 10, 2011 | East Fairhaven School, Fairhaven |
| March 7, 2011 | Ford Middle School , Acushnet |
| May 9, 2011 | East Fairhaven School, Fairhaven |

[The October 4 presentation will be on Parent's Rights.](#)