St. Charles Parish Public Schools

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

9:00am - 10:30am

Minutes

Members present at the December 14, 2022 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) were: Celeste P. Chiasson, Cierra Puryear, Stephen Zarifau, Jessica Rownd, Wyatt Rownd, Lolita Grant, and Amber Pinero. Absent members included Kim Basile, Lonna Bagwell, Sally Gaglione, and Victoria Bryant.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Chiasson. The meeting norms, outcomes, and agenda were agreed upon by members.

* Mrs. Chiasson introduced the new Director of Special Education, Mendy Van Hoven to the council. She also introduced a new member, Wyatt Rownd, who is a student at HHS with an exceptionality.
* Ms. Cierra Puryear and Mrs. Jessica Rownd gave an update of the first special education parent meeting.
* Meeting was held on November 16, 2022 at 10:00am – 11:30am at the PLC.
* Flyer was posted to the district’s Facebook page with a registration link.
* 7 parents registered. 5 were in attendance. (3 in-person, 2 virtual)
* Ground rules and agenda were presented and agreed by participants.
* Upcoming events and webinars for parents of children with disabilities were provided.
* 30 minute structured open floor discussion (potty training ideas, school challenges, Medicaid waivers, extracurricular activities, etc.)
* Next steps were discussed for the next parent meeting.
* Mrs. Mendy Van Hoven presented the topic of Cameras in Special Education Classrooms.
  + Understanding of SCPPS Policy and Procedures regarding cameras in certain self-contained classrooms.
  + Permission must be requested by parents for cameras to be placed into a self-contained Special Education classroom.
  + Footage can only be viewed if there is an incident.
  + Parents will be notified if a camera is to be placed in a special education classroom in which their child attends. Teachers/staff will also be notified.
  + Footage is kept for 30 days, after it is discarded.
  + Camera permission is to be requested on a yearly basis.
* Mrs. Erin Tuck, school representative for MPE and JBM, resigned from her SEAC position on the council on 12/7/22. Policy and procedures to fill her vacancy were discussed.
* The floor was opened to council members for questions, concerns, and future topics.

Lastly, a group meeting evaluation was conducted by Ms. Cierra Puryear in regards to results and processes.