

Approved at April 27, 2022 SEAC Meeting

SEAC Meeting Minutes - February 25, 2022 SEAC Meeting

Meeting was held via ZOOM

SEAC members present: Jodi Rollins (parent)-present, Sara Recile (other stakeholder)-present, Katie Millet (teacher/now facilitator)-present. Honesty Howard (parent)-absent. Chair: Lynn Hathaway (Director of Special Education)

Meeting called to order.

LH explained public comment & open meeting forum, along with role as chair

All members were introduced.

LH: Informational - purpose of APS SEAC, information about APS special education, and Robert's Rules of order.

Agenda Reviewed.

LH explained Purpose and Process of SEAP: The APS SEAC committee was established pursuant to Act 274 of the LA Legislation and adopted by Ascension Parish School Board policy IDDDFA. (APS board policies found on website). Each spring a new group of committee members is selected by the Superintendent for the following school year. The purpose of the committee is to provide parents, district staff, and other community members an opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations to the Superintendent on issues regarding Special Education. The format of the SEAC meeting is similar to APS School Board meetings in that committee members discuss agenda items and recommendations are made via motions and votes of committee. Public comment is part of the process. Public comment procedures explained.

Motion to approve minutes of December 3, 2021 meeting by JR, SR - 2nd, motion to approve, no discussion, motion to approve minutes of 12-3-2021 passes.

Agenda item #1: JR asked for summary of the agenda - LH reviewed agenda topics.

LH - **Review of old business:** Superintendent Approval of SEAC recommendations:

- More frequent meetings, at varying times
- One page information sheet for parents
- Parent welcome packet with user-friendly information for parents
- Increased number of SEAC members from four to eight

KM: update on one page informational sheet

Public comment made by Crystal White - would like to see visual or workflow map for parents

JR - teachers could present the info to parents to make them feel comfortable

KM - collaborative in nature and provide resources for parents

SR: update on welcome packet - work in progress - begins with letter from Director

New business:

2.a. LH - Introduction of Wanda August, parent facilitator & Sara Recile, parent facilitator

2. b. SR - update on new Special Education section of APS website, review video presented, launch following Mardi Gras break

2.c. March is Disability & Inclusion Awareness month

> Parent comments - concerned that they do not want children to be poster children, it is more about kindness and acceptance than awareness, do not want to see their children singled out more, real inclusion in general education, school newsletters & calendars

3.a. Increasing SEAC attendance - Parent comments made:

parents need communication and information, parents need an opportunity to freely express their concerns (separate from SEAC), like PTA for parents of disabled students, could help to streamline information to parents, would be a lifeline for parents, parents need their voices heard

JR - Motion to create a separate meeting/forum for parents, second by KM, motion passes

Survey link dropped into chat for feedback.

"Price" - begins speaking inappropriately, he is muted, and then removed, manages to re-enter meeting and begins speaking inappropriately about another meeting attendee.

LH - attempts to remove him, but is unable - meeting is ended

NOTE: "Price" is immediately reported to ZOOM Security by LH