

APS SEAC Meeting Minutes for 4-27-2022
April 27, 2022 at 6 p.m. via ZOOM

Roll call: Jodi Rollins (parent), Katie Millet (teacher/behavior facilitator), & Sara Recile (parent facilitator - present; Absent - Honesty Howard. Chair Lynn Hathaway

Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2022 meeting approved (motion by Katie millet, second by Sara Recile). No discussion or opposition.

Public comment requests made - Crystal White (parent) & Eileen Jorgensen (parent)

Old business:

One pager & Welcome parent to be released in fall to all parents of students in special education, then given to incoming (initials or new families moving into parish)

Teacher & Paraprofessional Survey will be anonymous - released prior to end of school year

Parent Feedback Survey to be released at start of school year (August)

Parent meeting outside of SEAC meeting - Looking for expectations for meeting purpose
Question will be included in parent feedback survey.

New agenda item:

SEAC Applications for 2022-2023 due May 14, end of day

Increasing SEAC council to 8 members

Update: one click access to Special Education website:

www.ascensionschools.org/SpecialEducation

Superintendent decides council members, hoping for increase in number of applicants in order to increase productivity of SEAC

Update: Middle school adaptive swings installed at all 8 middle schools - for LEAP Connect students, Leap Connect teachers, OT, PT all had input, question regarding sidewalk for access

Public Comments made on Agenda item - Cameras in Special Education classrooms

Lynette Gros:

In favor of cameras in classrooms, speaking on behalf of her high school daughter, good idea that can be used as a checks and balances system, privacy factor to consider

Eileen Jorgenson:

Kids are lambs when they go to school; they aren't able to explain what happened at school, cameras give them a voice, privacy should not be an issue, negligent not to have cameras, students deserve it

No additional public comments

Council Discussion:

JR- where are we with policy?

LH- policy is still with attorneys, working on funding, working to install across the board

JR-when to see the policy come out? Other parish have produced policy

LH- policy is created, trying to create protocols

JR- GAMS para reference, students do not have opportunity to operate phone, governor cannot sign in an unfunded law

LH- disagrees

JR- ask that parish no longer delay, behavior facilitators can use to assist BIPS. Do not delay especially when parents are offering to pay, raise money, it is not happening, lots of delays, let's be the first people to install

LH- In agreement with these cameras and helpful for all parties

SR-cameras give the students and parents a voice, I also hear the conversations to get the policies in place. I have not heard anyone trying to hold the process up. Parents are being heard, ready for next step, propose for concrete recommendations.

JR - district should seek out other districts who have it in place. Propose LH give us an update before end of school year.

LH -budget gets approved in June

JR -we need a response- reach out to Beenville, Natchitoches

LH- yes, i will give an update

JR- how do other parents get info

LH- yes,ensure parent power school information is updated & will post on website- around beginning of June

SR- How about at next meeting in June ?

LH-June 29th is next meeting, will have old and new team - but will post sooner if i can

Final agenda item: ESY - Extended School Year Services

Supports services during the summer

Should have received a letter of eligibility or ineligibility

Reach out to sped teacher if you disagree, ask for data in decision making process

JR asked to have this put on agenda

Any further questions from committee?

JR- concerned about location, time, frequency, etc

LH- reach out to sped teacher, coordinator

SR- ok to reach out to SR so you don't feel like you are questioning the teacher

WA- no inquires yet, but am available

LH-no action needed yet, website is now 1 click and now able to reach out through school messenger

JR- clarification on how to get feedback on inclusion?

LH- take parent survey, share survey through power school, then can share results with committee members

JR- want to make sure group is not just SEAC- encourage a PTA - a way to meet each

LH- next meeting june 29 at noon- rotating between day and evening meetings
SEAC applications are out and due May 14, 2022

Motion to adjourn:

JR: should council create survey

LH- the council makes recommendations

JR- I will send you some items to include

Motion to adjourn approved (motion by Sara Recile, second by Katie Millet).

Take survey