

Ascension Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

June 28, 2023

12:00 P.M.

MINUTES approved by SEAC: 8-23-2023

In-Person Meeting

LeBlanc Special Services Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room
611 N. Burnside Avenue
Gonzales, LA 70737

Meeting Minutes - NO QUORUM - Information Presentation Only

Call To Order

12:02 P.M., by Director Lynn Hathaway - Chair

Roll Call -

Quorum was not present at 12:03 P.M.

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| 1. Sagan Allen Williams, parent - absent | 6. Lynette Gros, parent - present |
| 2. Lisa Bacala, other stakeholder - present | 7. Eileen Jorgensen, parent - present |
| 3. Lesly Borskey, parent - absent | 8. Elizabeth King, SPED teacher - absent |
| 4. Jade Bridgnac, parent - absent | 9. Brian Landry, parent - present |
| 5. Weston Moreau, parent - absent | 10. Marvin Reed, parent - present |

Chair shared protocols for public comment procedures, SEAC purpose & process, & Robert's Rules of Order.

Introduction of Dr. Edith Walker, incumbent superintendent as of 7/1/2023

OLD Business

1a. Approval of minutes from April 26, 2023 SEAC meeting

- We do not have a quorum at this time (12:11 P.M.) to move forward to accept the minutes from the last meeting

NEW Business

District Agenda Items

2a. SEAC New Members for 2023 -2024

1. Savannah Veron - parent
2. Darla Capello - parent
3. Nathalia Dickson - parent
4. Adrienne Kelly - parent
5. Raven LaBiche - community stakeholder
6. Jodie Landry - parent
7. Kheri Monks - parent
8. Jacqueline Paige - Special Education Teacher
9. Iesha Sims - parent
10. Lakeshia Taylor - parent

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2.b. APS Plan for 2023 - 24 - Chair shared the SPED Priorities for 2023-24

- Parents with questions may request information about individual children
- Discussion about connections with outside agencies and colleges/universities
- Suggestion: review what is going on with behavior in primary schools; analysis of discipline; more inclusion time
- *Public Comment Question* - were in the self review for a while; this year is Desk Review; Question about Bailey Group
- Can Goals be posted to the website so that parents can see measurable goals/accountability

3.a. Discussion - SEAC member terms:

- Currently one year term
- Suggestion of 2-year term with 50% rotation of members
- Consideration of having changing days of the week to accommodate parent schedules
 - Concerns about the transfer of information from the past members to the new members to ensure that information/tasks are continued to be followed up on
 - Suggestion that the information from 2022- 2023 school year is transferred to the new members
 - *Public Comment* - suggestion for more meetings and concern regarding the lack of follow up on the paraprofessional pay
 - *Dr. Walker* - a salary analysis took place five years ago; another salary analysis will take place; we will need to do another analysis of our APS budget to determine if there is recurring monies to commit to an ongoing increase.
 - This item will be brought to our next meeting, per Mrs. Hathaway
 - Being locked in on Wednesdays is difficult..could the days of the week and time vary?

3.b. Jumpstart Pathways for Students with Disabilities:

- Information for parent toolkit
 - Possibly invite Career Coaches and our department's Transition representative to discuss
 - Suggestion - bring up in IEP meetings at HS
- We will be participating in more training with LDOE regarding April Dunn Act & Jumpstart
- Cormanda Grace, coordinator, - the LeBlanc team will be developing policies and procedures protocols for parents; Jumpstart is now Jumpstart 2.0 - the goal is to develop a handbook for parents
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Jorgensen - question about the update on the cameras in the classroom

- All cameras will be running on Day 1
- Forms are online if parents need to see videos in the classroom
- The cameras only be in special education classrooms with 50%+ self-contained

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There was no quorum for today's meeting.

Meeting Adjournment - 1:21 P.M. by Director Hathaway