



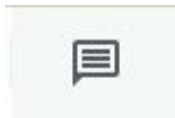
Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

October 10, 2022

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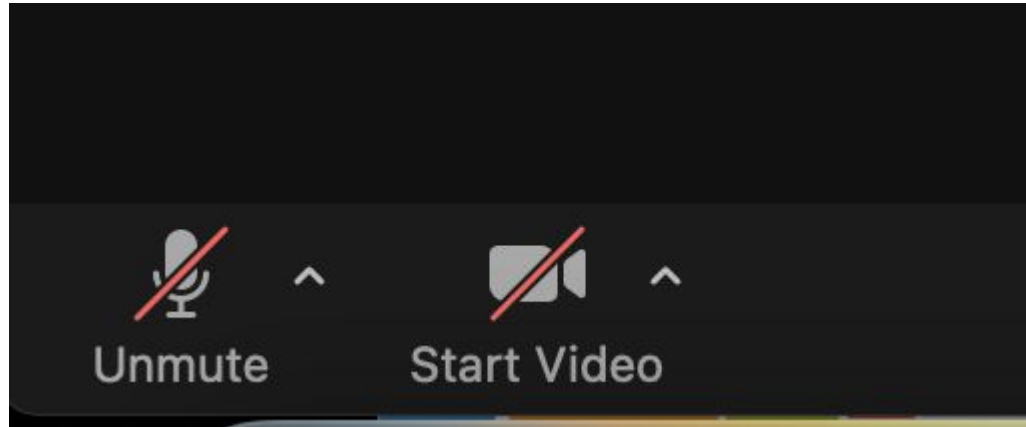
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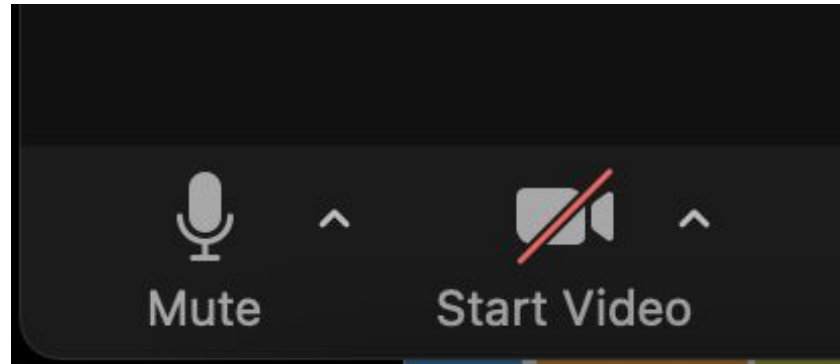


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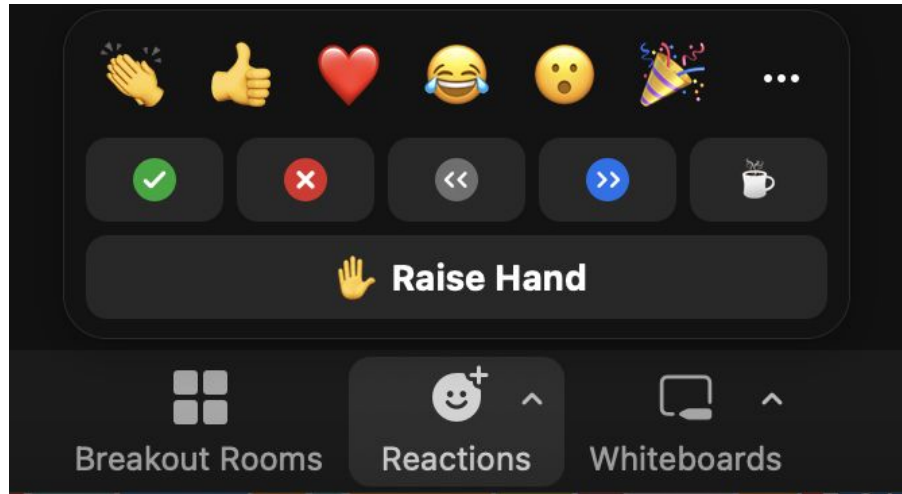
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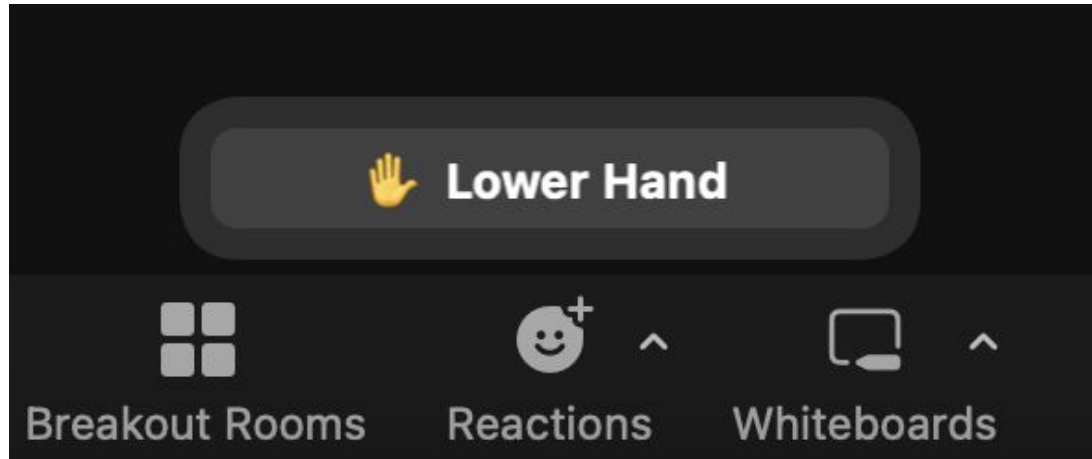
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Jackie Kelly



**Saint Paul Public Schools
Special Education
Advisory Council**

Welcome

We're glad you're joining us for our first meeting of the School Year.



Member and Guest Introductions

Share:

- your name
- if you're a member or guest
- a little about your child
- where your child attends school
- What brings you to SEAC tonight?

Agenda

6:25 p.m. Approve September minutes

6:30 p.m. Legislative Liaison Update, Mary Gilbert Dougherty

6:50 p.m. Inclusive Calendar Development PAC Input

p.m. Special Education Update, Brenda Natala, Executive Director, Office of Specialized Services

7:30 p.m. SEAC Forum/meeting reflection

7:50 p.m. Announcements: Events, Resources, Agenda requests

8:00 p.m. Adjourn



Approve September Minutes



Introduction to SEAC

What is SEAC:

SEAC is a group of parents, guardians, staff and community members that meet monthly to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in decision making.

How does SEAC work:

At SEAC meetings members are informed and share input to improve programs and systems for students with disabilities and their families.



“What are Parents Supposed To Do At SEAC?”

- Learn** something that will benefit your child.
- Share** what you learn with people in your community (neighbor, friend, child’s teacher....)
- Ask questions and share input.**

*For more check out PACER’s SEAC materials.



6:30- 6:50 p.m. (20 minutes)

Legislative Update

Mary Gilbert Dougherty, SPPS Legislative Liaison

- Elimination of Special Education Cross Subsidy
- Address tuition billing and district of resident for families that continue to enroll outside of SPPS after first year
- Streamline MA reimbursement for Mental health services- using IEP Evaluation and service plan

6:50- 7:00 p.m. (10 minutes)

Inclusive Calendar

Inclusive Calendar Development



6:45- 7:30 p.m. (45 minutes)

Specialized Services Update



Office of Specialized Services

Brenda Natala, Executive Director of Specialized Services

Sarah Zielinski, Assistant Director, Early Childhood Special Education

Amy Johnson, Assistant Director, K-12 (Asst Supt. Adam Kunz schools)

Chong Thor, Supervisor, K-12 (Asst. Supt. Dr. Vang schools)

Dr. Kimberly Adams, Supervisor, K-12 (Asst Supt. Billy Chan schools)

Kimberly Totushek, Supervisor, K-12 (Asst Supt. Nancy Paez schools)

Compliance Team: Christina Richardson, Darcy Steinberg

[OSS Organization Link](#): schools and assigned supervisors



Office of Specialized Services (OSS)

Saint Paul Public Schools' Special Education Department commits to the elimination in the disparity of outcomes for all students with disabilities.

We BELIEVE in high expectations, embracing differences, and inclusive practices.

We can't do it alone!

**TOGETHER
WE CAN**

Challenges

Equity Challenges - Racially predictable patterns

- Students accessing general education
- Academic outcomes for students with IEPs
- Suspensions for students with IEPs
- Graduation Rate of students with IEPs

Staffing

- Special Education Teacher openings
- Paraprofessional Openings



Recruitment in SPPS

HR Recruitment Team

- Virtual Job Fairs (Teachers, TAs and EAs)
- School Specific Job Fairs
 - Bridgeview
 - Focus Beyond
 - River East
- Recruitment of December Graduates

Professional Development

Assistive Technology Collaboration Day

Full day training for Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, and Physical Therapists on assistive technology resources within SPPS.

November 8 Digital Learning Day Paraprofessional Training

Full day of training to be offered for paras on a variety of topics.

Check and Connect Grant

American Rescue Plan - Year 2

Special Education Funding

- Special education recovery services, addressing learning loss
 - Assessment, curriculum, social emotional/behavioral supports
- ECSE assessment and services to address COVID delays in referrals to early intervention
- Mental health - Infant Mental Health - ECSE/ECFE
- ECSE Autism - professional development
- Check and Connect - coach, cultural specialist, training

Grant - Connecting Families/CTLC

Connecting Families grant proposal: will provide space for new families of children with disabilities to connect, access information and support.

Charting the LifeCourse training grant proposal: will provide in training of the CtLC practices and tools for families and staff.



7:30 - 7:50 p.m.- 20 min

SEAC Forum/Reflections

- What is your vision of SEAC?
 - What do you want to happen
 - What don't you want to happen

7:50 - 8:00 p.m. (10 minutes)

Meeting Announcements

(Events/Resources/Agenda requests)

- [SPPS SEAC Webpage](#) with Pacer's Parent Guide to SEAC
- [Pacer Center's Parent Engagement/Student Success - Resources](#)
- [Parents with High Expectations A Parent's Vision and High Expectations are Powerful](#)
- [Parents with High Expectations Keys to Success in the Family-School Partnership](#)
- [Parents with High Expectations Want to Help Your Child Succeed in School? Be Involved!](#)
- [Parents with High Expectations You and Your Elementary School-aged Child](#)
- **Communication Bill of Rights**





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**Next SEAC meeting
Monday, October 10th**



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