



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

Sec. 8 Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 125A.24 (PACs)

In order to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in district policymaking and decision-making, school districts must have a special education advisory council that is incorporated into the district's special education system plan.

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Minutes Approved

Date: 09-13-21

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Link to [Sept. Presentation](#)

In attendance:

Melissa Weeks, Melissa Haley, Jackie Kelly, Amy Elkema Baxter, Calton Sims, Hue Schileu, Michele Silvester, Nicole Warner, Rachael Sewell, RaShonda Muhammad, Chamie Link, Oahn Nguyen, Brenda Natala, Jen Krueger, Chong Thor, Larry Wren, Jackie Kelly

17 Total: 7 of 8 SEAC members, 5 staff, 5 guest

5:30 p.m. Optional Pre Meeting Chatter - join us if you can for an informal check in.

6:00 p.m. Housekeeping, Welcome & Introductions

Introductions/ Share/ Connect: Your name, your child, in-person or online school, what are your challenges?

Hope: to build on successes, that students feel part of the building, that students will get everything they need, that student is able to move off IEP, that kids are able to connect to the community, that students can stay in-person, that students can get a good foothold into what they need and want during their time at Focus Beyond, that everyone stays safe, hope for student progress, hope that greater things will come out of challenges

6:30 p.m. June Minutes Approved

6:35 p.m. SpEd Update and SpEd Recovery Services- Brenda Natala, Interim Executive Director Specialized Service

Marcy Doud is Deputy Chief of Academics. Marcy oversees certain schools and OSS.

Brenda Natala is Interim Executive Director of Specialized Services

Special Education Supervisors oversee different school

Brenda shared OSS organizational chart

What Do Families Need to Know?

- Know your child's principal and classroom teacher
- Know your child's IEP Manager
- Know your child's IEP goals, services and progress reports

In-Person vs Online School

Schools do not have a Distance Learning option this year. Distance Learning was allowed because of an Executive Order which expired in June. Schools are in-person with the exception of the Online Learning School. The Online School is it's own school. Students at the online school have a regular school day with more synchronous time and more time with the teacher than Distance Learning had last year. The online school enrollment is almost 1,000 students. 13% of the students at the Online School have an IEP. All enrollment takes place through the Student Placement Center.

Envision SPSS-

Schools that are big enough to offer enough staff for well rounded education of highest quality. Planning where Special Education is considered and part of main planning.

ARP- thank you for the feedback. Students with special education services can access general education opportunities created by the ARP.

SpEd Recovery- Legislation passed this summer requiring IEP/IFSP teams to meet to determine whether special education recovery services and supports are necessary to address student's lack of progress or loss of learning or skills due to the COVI-19 Pandemic.

IEPs can count as a Progress Report. Progress Reports can be mailed, emailed or shared in person at conferences. SpEd Recovery can be a burst of services or a few additional minutes per day. SpEd Recovery is for non public school students, homeschool students, anyone with an IEP. SpEd Recovery is not for students that have exited Special Education or Public Education (Graduated).

7:40 p.m. Meeting Reflections/Announcements/Events/Resources

Event: Back to School Community Conversation about Special Education Recovery Services hosted by Arc MN 9/18 and 9/21

Resources:

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-Video [How to Organize Your Child's IEP Binder](#)

-Pacer Center's Booklet [A Parent's Guide for SEAC](#) - **ACTION requested- if you're newer to SEAC please review**

8:00 p.m. Adjourn

8:05 p.m. SEAC Executive

Next SEAC meeting: Monday, Oct. 4, 6-8 p.m.