



**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: 09-14-20

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Virtual meeting via Google Meet

Attendees: Brenda Natala, Lynn Shellenberger, Melissa Haley, Ashley Smith, Rachael Sevlie, Susannah Schouweiler, Roxanne King, Calton Sims, Joanne Hodgeman, Jen Krueger, Nathan Brodie, Larry Wren, Rhonda Morrison, Kathleen Morrison, Amanda Bivins, Melissa Weeks, Teresa Glass, Amy Eelkema, Tori Osweiler, Hai-Yen Vo, Heather Jax, Jackie Kelly, Leslie Hitchens, Marcy Doud, Kartumu King, Mary Naseth, Roxanne King, Amy Riley, Jae Dodd, Michele Sylvester

8 of 17 SEAC members, 9 staff, 13 guests

6:00 pm Welcome & Introductions

Intro to SEAC, information about meetings and group was shared. A presentation was given. Member and guest introductions.

6:15 pm Approve June minutes

Lynn moved that meeting minutes from previous meeting be emailed to members and members respond with approval or corrections via email. Motion was seconded.

6:20 pm Students "Show What They Know" through Assistive Technology, Teresa Glass

Objective: Professional Development for families with Assistive Technology Show and Tell

-Eye Gaze Technology

-Using switches and buttons

-Guided Access Technology

-iPhone and iPad settings to adjust bold text, dim or bright screens, large type, etc

-Time for questions:

Many of the accessibility features are also on Apple and Android phones.

What is DAPE? DAPE is Developmental Adapted Physical Education.

There is a way to slow down assessments if students move too quickly- talk with teacher.

Very important to remember Guided Access passwords. Families encouraged to think of something easy to remember.

Reach out to Jackie to request: Visual Schedules or First-Then Schedules

*For complete presentation refer to shared slide presentation. If you have trouble with access reach out to Jackie.

7:30 pm ECSE Learning Kits, Brenda Natala, ECSE Supervisor

Objective: Inform families and seek feedback.

Explanation of kits, why they are needed, how are they paid for.

Time for questions:

Will recipes be included? There are picture directions.

What about gluten allergies? There are base kits and supplemental kits for individualizing.

7:50 pm Announcements/Events/Resources

-Question about Schoology tutorial for parents:

For Parent Guide to Schoology go to: <https://www.spps.org/Domain/10302>

The document is a PDF available in English, Karen, Somali and Spanish

Additional Resources not shared at meeting:

6 Tips for Keeping Kids Motivated for Online Learning

This 2-minute video (also available in [Spanish](#)) gives helpful tips and techniques to encourage and motivate your kids during virtual lessons in what promises to be a very unusual school year.

Types of Strengths in Kids

Children have many different kinds of strengths. Recognizing and talking about these strengths can help your child thrive. This is especially true for kids who are struggling in school. Use this list to help identify your child's strengths.

Fighting the Big Virus Children's Book

(Also available in Spanish, simplified Chinese, Finnish, Portuguese, and Mandarin)

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network developed this children's book, to help young children and families talk about their experiences and feelings about COVID-19 and the need to shelter in place.

10 Kids' Books That Star Protagonists with Special Needs

These 10 books are just some of the many options that feature kids with special needs (and their siblings) fighting crime, solving mysteries, navigating school, loving each other, making friends, and just being awesome.

8:00 pm Adjourn

7:54 pm meeting adjourned

8:05 pm SEAC Executive

SEAC Meeting recording

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PIIXA167CXrJXqM3EAjwd52DDBZM76m4/view>

SEAC: Students Show What They Know through Assistive Technology Slide Presentation

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BEEcf500a-f-lAwZtuX7u3kBNxtMr2gnqwiJLZXVS_Q/edit#slide=id.p

Personalize your iPad: Turn It On Checklist

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hrMA0zeithLE8M2M23OR2k_yNXMeI-edN1-ZvMZS8rI/edit

Aug 24th SEAC Back to School Google Meet Q & A

https://docs.google.com/document/d/13gM1P_dgkzmyQVU_MVMhhsUZo7Gyg_q2CnHYnYPmIk/edit?ts=5f5fe8db

Next SEAC meeting: Monday, October 5th from 6-8 pm.