



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

Calton Sims, Amy Eelkema, Jackie Kelly, Anastasia Sacacos, Amy Johnson, Tim Nelson, Julianna Drajko, Rhonda Morrison, Kathleen Morrison, Lynn Shellenberger, Melissa Weeks, Kiran Sheikh, Kirinda Anderson, Ashley Smith, Michele Silvester.

**8 of 16 members, 7 guests/staff**

## **Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) - Minutes**

**Date: Monday 02-03-20**

**Time: 5:30 pm- 8:00 pm**

**Location: Administration Building, 360 Colborne St.- Meeting rm. B, Childcare rm. H**

**5:30 pm Dinner and Childcare Check-In**

**6:00 pm Welcome & Introductions**

**6:03** Meeting called to order, Introductions made around the table

**6:10 pm Approve January meeting minutes**

**6:13** January minutes could not be approved because there was no quorum, however no changes/corrections were noted.

**6:15 pm PACER Center advocate Pat Anderson will present (with Jaclyn Thomas of PACER)**

“Tips and Tools for Talking with School Staff” a resource for parents that includes:

- information on partnerships
- working together
- preparing for IEP meetings
- communication skills-listening and speaking
- dealing with disagreements.

Guests will also receive a packet of materials including handout “How Will I Know if My Child Is Making Progress”.

**7:45 pm Announcements**

- I missed Jackie’s first announcement.
- Staff created the Communication Bill of Rights and this year it was translated into Karen for the first time. Upcoming Deaf and Hard of Hearing Family Night at Four Seasons school.
- Blind and Visually Impaired Family Night is March 6th.
- Karinda Anderson shared flyers for an informative event on Feb. 15th regarding possible educator strike. Plan for parents, information about the reasons behind the strike, etc. Lynn mentioned being frustrated by the Teachers Federation Union since they have never checked in with the parents around what they wanted. The union is asking for parents' support but they have never come to speak with them.

**8:00 pm      Adjourn**

8:05 Meeting Adjourned.

**8:10 pm      SEAC Executive**

Next meeting: Monday, March 2nd