

SEAC Meeting Minutes - February 21, 2024
Ascension Special Education Advisory Council
APPROVED at April 24, 2024 SEAC Meeting

February 21, 2024

6:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting (with virtual option)

LeBlanc Special Services Center

Call to Order

(6:02pm) by Chair, Lynn Hathaway

Roll Call

(6:03pm) - Quorum met

1. Savannah Veron - not present
2. Darla Capello - not present
3. Nathalie Dickson - present
4. Adrienne Kelly - present
5. Raven LaBiche - not present
6. Jodie Landry - not present
7. Kheri Monks - present (virtual)
8. Jacqueline Page - present
9. Iesha Sims - not present
10. Lakeshia Taylor - present (virtual)

Chair, Hathaway review the agenda for the meeting:

Old Business - Approval of Minutes

New Business - Parent Resource Fair, Tutorship - Marsha Clanton

Hathaway - Our second item under New Business is Marsha Clanton who is here with her sons. She will share her experience with tutorship. They are very vital with the law with the stickers for autism on cars.

Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Lynn Hathaway

Hathaway - Reminder, this is an open meeting. We have blue comment cards for anyone that's interested. This is a pretty informal meeting this evening. The Special Education Advisory Council has been in place for a couple of years. We now have 10 members on the team. We are looking at having a rolling membership. (Hathaway reviews the purpose of the Special Education Advisory Council). If you would like to see a review of minutes, all of this can be found online.

Old Business

1.a. Approval of minutes from December 13, 2023 SEAC Meeting Minutes

Nathalie Dickson - motion to accept the minutes

Jacqueline Paige - seconded the motion

Motion Passed - December 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes Approved

New Business

District Agenda Items:

1.b. Final updates regarding Resource Fair - Thursday, March 7, 2024 5:30-7:30pm
Hathaway - We do have flyers for you. We have a slight change in location from East Ascension's cafeteria to the gymnasium. We have our two parent facilitators here, I will now turn it over to Mrs. Sara Recile and Mrs. Jamecko Lewis.

Jamecko Lewis thanks the parents and SEAC for their help and contributions toward the Resource Fair. Jamecko Lewis shares the following during the meeting:

- There is a change in location for the resource fair, and this change has been updated with social media and the technology department.
- There are 46 confirmed organizations that will be participating at the Resource Fair this year.
- The Resource Fair flyer is flashing on the APSB billboard and website.
- There are 3,000 flyers printed and they will go out on February 26th.

Sara Recile - We have 46 confirmed agencies. If you look at your flyer you can see the agency's support provided. I am excited. I think you will receive a lot of information. This is the first resource fair in our community like this. We want the whole family to come. We have incorporated several students from high schools from across the district. This is a partnership, and SEAC and LeBlanc Special Service Center have been working together.

Audience member - are the superheroes going to be there?

Sara Recile - We are working on that. Some students will be working on a center stage performance, but we will have some.

Sara Recile - For food, the sheriff's office will provide Jambalaya and various pizzas will be provided from around the community. There will also be soft drinks and popcorn.

Jamecko Lewis - There will also be door prizes, 55 inch smart TV and an Ipad.

Sara Recile - We will also have door prizes throughout the night.

Audience member - Is there a way to rope off extensions of handicap so that those who don't need the ramp spots can park one row over?

Hathaway - thanks for bringing that up, that's a good idea.

Sara Recile - we will make special efforts to work on that.

Hathaway - On social media we can post there will be special parking for those who need that. Sara Recile - Also, Ascension schools made a post on the Resource Fair. If you look on social media it gives us an idea of how many people are attending.

Hathaway - If you can check that, it will give us an idea.

Hathaway - Any questions, comments? Thanks

Parent Agenda Items:

Parent Marsha Clanton - discussion regarding tutorship

Hathaway introduces guest speaker Marsha Clanton.

Marsha Clanton thanks SEAC members and the audience members for having her and discuss the following with the SEAC members and audience members:

- MC informs the audience that she has two 23 year old autistic sons who were a part of the Ascension Parish community.
- After high school, her sons started jobs at the Marriott in Baton Rouge, LA, where she supports them. •

MC came up with the Autism Spectrum Disorder Decal in order to help police officers and EMS identify when there is someone in the vehicle with autism.

- She shares that her team is working on a bill for continuing tutorship in Legislation.
- Once a child turns 18, the parent can no longer make decisions for their young adult and they will no longer need a tutor.
- If the parent or legal guardian of a child with a mental disability feels that their child can not make decisions for themselves, the parents or the legal guardian of the child will have to ask the court for continuing tutorship.
- MC and her team is working to make tutorship legal so that it can go through the IEP. ● MC and her team is working on a bill to ensure that tutorship is a mandatory part of the student's IEP. ● The next thing that MC and her team is working on is providing funding to parents who can not afford the fees associated with continuing tutorship, through their non-profit organization, K&H Foundation For Autism.
- MC suggests that parents start the continuing tutorship process when their child turns the age of 15.

Hathaway thanks Marsha Clanton and the audience members for participating in the discussion regarding tutorship.

Hathaway shares upcoming events. Promoting Access and Connections Resource Fair is March 7, 2024 from 5:30 - 7:30pm at East Ascension High. The next SEAC meeting will be April 24, 2024 at 12pm.

An audience member asks about transitions from primary school to middle school and middle school to high school.

Hathaway - We will bring that to our April meeting. Right now there's redistricting going on, but we will be sending out surveys. If you have special requests please reach out to me. Ultimately it's up to the superintendent, but we have been receiving approval of requests.

Motion to close out meeting

Nathalia Dickson - motion to close meeting

Adrienne Kelly - seconded

Motion passes - meeting adjourned