

Ascension Special Education Advisory Council

Minutes approved at February 21, 2024 SEAC Meeting

December 13, 2023

12:00pm

In-Person (with virtual option)

LeBlanc Special Services Center

Call to Order

(12:02pm) by Co-Chair Dr. Nicole Grimes

Roll Call

(12:03pm) - Quorum not met at this moment

1. Savannah Veron - present
2. Darla Capello - present (virtual)
3. Nathalie Dickson - not present
4. Adrienne Kelly - present
5. Raven LaBiche - present (virtual)
6. Jodie Landry - not present
7. Kheri Monks - not present
8. Jacqueline Page - not present during roll call, but present virtual at a later time.
9. Ilesha Sims - not present
10. Lakeshia Taylor - not present

At this time the meeting continued to proceed without a Quorum. Due to no Quorum the minutes for the previous meeting (10/25/23) was not approved as of yet. Dr. Million and Dr. Grimes continued to check online and in person for additional members throughout the meeting so that the Quorum can be met.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Nicole Grimes & Dr. Adrina Million, Supervisors of Special Education introduced themselves and informed the members that they will hold the meeting in the absence of Chair: Lynn Hathaway, Director of Special Education.

Dr. Nicole Grimes read over the Open Meeting and Public Comment Procedures.

Dr. Adrina Million - "Public comment cards are on the tables on a blue paper"

Dr. Adrina Million discussed the special education advisory council and APSB SEAC Purpose and Responsibilities.

Old Business:

1.a. Approval of minutes from October 25, 2023 SEAC Meeting

- Dr. Adrina Million checked online for additional members. No additional members present. No Quorum to make a motion on approval of minutes from 10/25/23 meeting at this time.

1.b. Updates Regarding Resource Fair

- Dr. Nicole Grimes moved on to Updates Regarding Resource Fair.
- Dr. Nicole Grimes called up the parent facilitators (Jamecko Lewis and Sarah Recile) to discuss updates regarding the Resource Fair.

Lewis - "The Resource Fair will take place on **Mar 7, 2024** from 5:30 - 7:30pm at East Ascension Cafetorium."

Lewis - "At the last meeting we discussed what the parents would like to see at the resource fair and we came up with the following: Health, Transitions/Post Secondary, Recreational/Community, Education. Is there any other area?"

No response added from the crowd.

Lewis continued to present and discuss the survey results from "Where would you like to help?" Sponsorship, Organization Outreach, Kid Friendly Activities, Promotion/Advertising, Logistics?

Lewis discussed the survey results for the Fair Name. "44.4% of the applicants chose Promoting Access and Connections Fair."

Lewis Shares upcoming committee meetings date: Save the date January 10, 2024.

Audience member asked, "Is the fair for kids or families?"

Lewis responds, "The fair is for kids and families."

Recile adds, "The fair is for everyone and we want everyone to come out. Feel free to share any ideas or feedback."

Dr. Nicole Grimes thanks the facilitators for their work with the Promoting Access and Connections Fair.

Dr. Nicole Grimes, "We will go back to 1a Approval of minutes from the October 25th Meeting, we have Jacqueline Paige joining us virtually."

1.a. Approval of minutes from October 25, 2023 SEAC Meeting

Kheri Monks - motion to accept the minutes

Adrienne Kelly - seconded

Motion passed - Minutes Approved

New Business:

District Agenda Items:

2.a. New transition curriculum - High School

Dr. Adrina Million - We have implemented two new transition programs in High School SOAR and ORI Learning. SOAR will be implemented in Study Skills I and II. ORI Learning will be implemented during Study Skills III and IV.

Dr. Jennifer Vicknair, Sped Coordinator, presents SOAR Learning to the audience and team members.

- SOAR introduces a system of simple, student friendly strategies to help students organize, study and complete homework efficiently.
- SOAR teaches the most critical learning, organizing, and communication skills needed to be successful in school, in virtual learning environments, and in the workplace.
- Through the SOAR Program, students will learn how to: Set goals and priorities, Read textbooks quickly and efficiently, Manage time, Take notes, Organize papers, bookbags and other spaces, Study for tests, and work with teachers.
- The program consists of 5 sections with a total of 18 lessons.

Gerald Cowart, Sped Coordinator, presents ORI Learning Transition Curriculum to the audience and team members.

- ORI Learning is a curriculum consisting of various courses that are geared towards developing essential skills that students need in order to thrive in an ever-changing world.
- The curriculum consist of Interactive Lessons, Teacher Guides, Pre and Post Assessments (Transition Goals), Projects, and Career and Job Research
- Employment Readiness/Transition Courses taught in the curriculum Includes: Identifying Personal Strengths, Setting Personal Goals, Building Self-Advocacy, Develop Self - Determination
- Student's Well-Being Courses consists of: Discover Self-Awareness, Develop Self-Management, Build Social Awareness, Grow Healthy Relationships, and Responsible Decision Making

Dr. Adrina Million - "All of these skills are critical for our kids to master prior to learning high school to post secondary. We are excited, Ms. Hathaway did what she needed to fit this in the budget. Thanks to Dr. Vicknair, Gerald Cowart, and Cormanda Grace for their hard work. If you have questions, reach out to us."

District Agenda Items

2.b. By-laws for SEAC

Dr. Adrina Million - "Ms. Hathaway asks that we hold off on this until she is in attendance. We will discuss By-laws for SEAC at our next meeting on February 21st.

Parent Agenda Items

3.a. Previously discussed Focus Areas for 2023-2024 - Inclusive opportunities for students, April Dunn, Transition, Jumpstart Opportunities, literacy screeners (DIBELS), social connections & concerns, curriculum (Unique), interdiction tutorship, additional resources for parents.

- Dr. Adrina Million discusses the focus areas for 2023-2024

Dr. Adrina Million - "We will bring a graduation coach in to discuss Jumpstart, and we will also bring someone in to address tutorship."

Dr. Adrina Million - "Are there any other things we need to add to the list?"

No suggestions or comments added from the members or audience.

Dr. Adrina Million shares the dates for the next SEAC meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting

Savannah Veron - motion to adjourn meeting

Adrienne Kelly - seconded

Motion passed - Meeting adjourned

