



Collegiate Academies

CA's Special Education Advisory Council 23-24 Report

In accordance with Act 274 (SB 158) of the 2019 session, Collegiate Academies created a Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) starting in the 19-20 school year. The purpose of the SEAC is to improve the educational opportunities for students with disabilities working as partners in a collaborative relationship. To provide a forum for parents and staff to share ideas, identify concerns, and advise the network in order to improve services for children with disabilities.

Formation:

In order to solicit applications for the Council, the network released [this notice and survey](#), which was posted on the website and disseminated by network leaders via network wide communication and school leaders. We ultimately received 20 applications for membership by the deadline of November 17, 2023.

Ten members were selected, as follows:

- Angel Augustine, GWC Director of Scholar Support
- Anthony King, LCA Journey Program Lead
- April Watson, CST Network School Psychologist- Evaluation Coordinator
- Ashley Williams, GWC Special Education Teacher
- Cion Conerly, WLC Manager of Intervention & Compliance
- Jalana Farlough, GWC Special Education/REACH Teacher
- Jenine Livas, ASA Special Education Teacher
- Shikari Duplessis, CST Evaluation Coordinator
- Veronica Dubroc, CBR Reading Interventionist
- Osbanattta Brown, family member of ASA student
- Johantee Richardson, family member of ASA student
- Jayden Warren, family member of WLC student
- Takeba Crosby, family member of WLC student
- Bernadette Jones, family member of LCA student
- John Lacy, family member of OA student
- Chelsea Douglas, family member of GWC student
- Claudia Washington, family member of GWC student
- Catherine Griffith, family member of CBR student

Angel Augustine was selected as the Chair of the Advisory Council.

*denotes returning council member

Proposed Meeting Dates/Times/Topics:

- **Wednesday, March 13, 2024 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**
- **Wednesday, April 7, 2024 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Zoom**



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- **Wednesday, May 15, 2024 6:00 - 7:00 p.m on Zoom**

Meetings Held:

March 13, 2024

The first meeting occurred on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The team discussed organizations that can be shared as part of transition planning and Community Resources that can be leveraged to strengthen a student's transition plan. A proposal was made to create a newsletter that would allow for the list of organizations to be shared with families across the network.

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- Veronica Dubroc, CBR Reading Interventionist

Other attendees present:

- Francesca Antonucci, Senior Director of Student Support

April 17, 2024

The second meeting occurred on Wednesday, April 17 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Zoom. The team discussed priorities areas that they wanted to dig into and learn more about in order to provide recommendations to grow special education programming at OA. The team discussed opportunities for increasing transition programming in schools to include opportunities to expose students to more careers and also to gather more insight on their individual interests to help inform career opportunities that they are able to experience throughout high school.

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May 15, 2024

The third meeting occurred on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Google Meet. The team discussed opportunities to increase collaboration between the speech & language team and teachers and families.