

**Special Education Parent Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**October 24, 2023**

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) met on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023, with 11 attendees joining via a TEAMS Webinar.

Attendees: Tammy Graber, Katy Barnum, Kelli Bourke, Siew Hoon Lim, Justin Lien, Carly Gaddie, Cassie Jorgenson, Shelly, Shelby DiFonzo, Shirley LaMont, Nicole Schuler. Kirsten Hanson;

Absent: Sarah Weisser, Kelly Ehli, Jason Cresap

Chairperson Katy Barnum, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Agenda was presented:**

1. Approval of ByLaws
2. Assistant Director of Special Education Presentation
3. Recognition of audience
4. Review open stakeholder position - High School
5. Supporting your school community
6. Future agenda items
7. Establish next meeting date
8. Adjournment

Tammy Graber moved to approve the agenda. Carly Gaddie seconded the motion.

**Special Education Leadership Updates**

Ms. Shelby DiFonzo, Assistant Director of Standard Based Instruction and Special Education, provided updates to the families.

- Peer to Peer update
  - Currently at South and North High, instructed by special education teachers.
  - Provide framework for individuals that desire to move into special education. This is a dual credit through Valley City State.
- Restructure of Department
  - The Special Education department has moved under Standard Based Instruction.
  - Dr. Patty Cummings is now the Director of Compliance.
- Evidenced Based Reporting (EBR) overview
  - EBR is used in determining student learning towards a set of standards.
  - Timeline in powerpoint presentation
- Level of Determination Report Card
  - Required by government to develop annual performance report
  - Refer to powerpoint on performance
- Parent involvement survey
  - **Click Here** to start the survey.
- Graduation Rate
- State Assessment results

Refer to 10-24-2023 presentation on the website

**Recognition of Public Comment**

Chairperson Katy Barnum opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments.

**Approval of ByLaws**

Katy Barnum made a motion to approve the ByLaws. Tammy Graber moved to approve and Siew Hoon Lim seconded the motion.

**Review of open high school stakeholder**

Tammy Graber will present the opportunity to her Peer to Peer students.

**Supporting our Community**

A suggestion was made to add a link/suggestion box to the website. A workgroup will be assembled to further discuss opportunities to support your school community.

**Future Agenda Items**

Early Intervention invitation to present.

Group report on supporting school communities.

Ms. DiFonzo to provide updates on ability to provide comments via the website.

**Meeting Timeline**

*The next FPS SEPAC meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**Are there topics you would like to discuss?**

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