

St. Charles Parish Public Schools
Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
9:00 am - 10:30 am
Meeting Minutes

School-to-School Transition/Collaboration

The discussion began with Ms. Pinero providing obstacles faced when transitioning from elementary school to middle school. The Council proposed numerous steps to improve school year transitions. This feedback included:

- Structured/systematic school-to-school transitions
 - Teacher observations of incoming students
 - Open communication between administrators and teachers from each school
 - Open communication between teachers/parents for incoming students
 - Share student schedules with parents to know enrichment teachers, encore teachers, etc.
 - Collaboration between outside providers and school therapists (speech, PT, etc.)
- Separate orientation for students with disabilities that includes meeting with the school nurse, paras, teachers, administrators
- Summer-weekly visits (hang out in the parking lot, walk to the door) to become familiar with the new school
- Students moving from NSE to ESE toured the school, received a social story about the new school and possible new teachers
- Create a SPED Parent Committee- like PTO Parent/SPED Group to meet with Administrators monthly.
 - Keep the agenda the same and have meetings at different school sites.
 - Surveys could be sent to parents of students with disabilities to determine upcoming Parent Meeting topics.
- Special Education students should be scheduled timely.

Parent Group Update

An overview of the parent group meeting was provided to members. Ms. Puryear provided information on the meeting topic: *A Parent's Guide to Navigate the IEP Process*. This was a successful and beneficial meeting for all participants.

Members were provided notice of the upcoming meeting: LASARD Parent Meeting (Visual Supports Make and Take).

2023-2024 SY Data

Ms. Van Hoven provided an overview of the Special Education Subgroup 2023-2024 LEAP Data.

Resources

Ms. Puryear provided an overview of upcoming events in the parish and surrounding areas. Information on a Mini-Grant from ASGNO was provided.

Open Floor Discussion

Parent members identified a need for Summer Camp for students with disabilities in our parish. Ms. Alexander and Ms. Foster will meet and brainstorm how to begin this process and identify community partners.

Parent member discussed the need for access to tutors under the state's Steve Carter program. Ms. Puryear will share information with parents regarding tutoring.

Next Steps/Recommendations

Have someone from Nicholls come and share about the Bridge to Independence program.

Acquire additional information about the Rotary Scholarship available for a student attending this program.