

**Special Education Parent Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**November 19, 2024**

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) met on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, with 28 attendees joining via a TEAMS Webinar.



SEPAC Stakeholders Present: Katy Barnum, Kirstin Hanson, Siew Hoon Lim, Shelby DiFonzo, Scott Hanson, Julie Emery Hetland

SEPAC Stakeholders Absent: Kelli Bourke, Jason Cresap, Kelly Ehli, Sarah Weisser

Attendees: Jolene Schue, Rikki Tragetor, Kim Myers, Delphine, Rebecca Martin, Angela Damaso, Maren Jystad-Spar, Charles Keller, Kim Dean, Rizzu Ghaley, Jacqueline Harder, Beth Ehlers, Clementine Metambou, Kyle McCam, Sara Tommervik, Sophia Lugert, Annalise Duffy, Bill Malick, Cassandra Jorgenson, Andrea Tweten-Steinmetz, Loren, Nicole Schuler

Chairperson Katy Barnum called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

**Agenda was presented**

- Approval of Minutes
  -  5-21-24 SEPAC Meeting Notes .docx.pdf
  -  \_September 17, 2024 SEPAC Meeting Notes .docx.pdf
- Approval of Agenda
- Open Stakeholders: Introduction of new members
  - Non-teaching staff: Julie Emery Hetland
  - Teacher-Scott Hanson
- Nomination of the Co-Chair: This action will be deferred until the next meeting to ensure all committee members have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities.
- Director of Special Education Committee presentation
  - Post-Graduation Survey Results
    - Review data on where students are after high school.
    - Discussion on trends and insights from recent graduates' outcomes.
  - Parent Survey Review
    - Present available data from parent surveys
    - Discuss current strategies being implemented based on survey feedback.
  - 18+ Programming overview
- Recognition of audience
  - Please sign up through the chat option of the webinar. Each participant who signs up will have 3 minutes to make a public comment. This meeting is open to the public but is not a public forum. The primary focus of the meeting is the business listed on the agenda. Only the Council person will acknowledge public commentary. Please be assured, however, that all members are welcome and appreciate your comments.
- Success Stories/Feedback
- Community Events/Resources
- Establish next meeting date
- Topics for next meeting
- Adjournment of meeting

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Siew Hoon Lim moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2024, Scott Hanson second the motion.

Siew Hoon Lim moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2024; Julie Emery Hetland second the motion.

Siew Hoon Lim moved to approve the agenda; Scott Hanson second the motion.

Introduction of new members

- Non-teaching staff: Julie Emery Hetland
- Teacher-Scott Hanson

**Special Education Leadership Updates:**

Shelby DiFonzo, Director of Special Education

- [SEPAC 11-19-24 Powerpoint Link](#)
  - Reviewed data for Indicator 14: Post-School Outcomes
  - Reviewed data for Indicator 8: Parent Survey Review

Jolene Schue, Special Education Coordinator

- Presented information on the 18+ program

**Recognition of audience**

Chairperson Katy Barnum opened the floor for public comment.

- No public comment

**Success Stories/Feedback**

- Julie Emery Hetland shared a success story about a student's parents who came dancing out of an IEP meeting the other day stating they had such a great meeting.
- Chairperson Katy Barnum provided feedback about Brightarrow messages at times going to her junk email.

**Community Events/Resources Available**

- Pathfinders facebook page has a list of monthly webinars. The ND Association of School Psychologists is putting on November's webinar. The date is November 21st from 6-7 pm.
- The Able games will be held May 2, 2025. More information can be found on the TNT Fitness website.

**Meeting Timeline**

- The next FPS SEPAC meeting is scheduled for February 18th, 2025 at 5:30pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

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

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