

January 16, 2025 SEPAC Meeting Minutes:

Meeting start: 5:33pm

Introductions: 12 parents/ 5 staff

Old business:

~DEIB meeting-They want to have another joint meeting with SEPAC.

It was briefly discussed that the Speech/non-verbal event may need to get pushed off until end of this year/start of next year to be able to accommodate meetings with other committees within the district.

If teachers could get more training and feel more comfortable, then that benefits everyone.

Talk more about who qualifies for what (in terms of an IEP vs 504 Plan). There is no smooth transition when going from an IEP to a 504. How can we ease that transition or make it a more clear process so that parents and students understand what is happening and what will change?

Can an IEP/504 email list be made that would be held by the SpEd department (Monica hold onto?). This isn't something for SEPAC to access, but so that when news letter is being sent out, it is sent to a targeted group.

-DESE has this email list, so it does exist. Email list is always changing with kids going on/off supports.

Monica or Aaron Dean could send out the newsletter but it would be beneficial to have it come from the SpEd department.

-Would like to have SEPAC updates and SpEd department updates on the newsletter. Maybe add updates from the service providers. Have service providers reach out to parents more.

Is there a way that we can utilize Bloomz for service providers? The "classroom" would need to be private so that confidentially is kept.

Aaron Dean provided a presentation on Communication in Staffing Changes

He will email the presentation so that we are able to share with parents via email and Facebook page.

March will not work for the school committee meeting presentation, we are changing to prepare for the school committee meeting on April 28th. Add this to the February agenda to plan a presentation for the school committee about student views and the everyday life of a student in the HVRSD.

Heather-Title I

- How is it determined if a child might need an IEP instead of just Title I?
- Have a meeting about this with Title I and SPED coordinators, but this meeting might need to be broken down into two because there is so much information.
- How does a student qualify for Title I?
- How are parents informed that their child is receiving Title I?

Next meeting is scheduled for February 6th at 5:30pm at the middle/high school.

Meeting end at 6:43pm