



Special Education Advisory Committee
Meeting
03/10/2025 04:00 PM
Evans Medine Meeting Room
474 Highway 317
Centerville, LA 70522

MEETING MINUTES

The St. Mary Parish School Board Special Education Advisory Committee met on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana for the following purposes to discuss and to take whatever actions necessary. The meeting may be viewed online at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZ1z15loF_FZnVcBe09cRQ

Attendees

Voting Members

Adrianna Barto
Brianna Comeaux, Chairperson
Melissa Lee
Avery Price
Julie Price

Absent Members

Walleeta August
Jennifer Collins-Lanceslin
Nekima Jack
Keren Jamison

I. Meeting Called to Order (Dr. Comeaux)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Comeaux.

II. Opening of Committee Meeting

1. Roll Call (Dr. Fegenbush)

The roll call was conducted by Dr. Fegenbush.

III. Approval of Minutes (Dr. Comeaux)

A motion was made to approve minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee held on February 3, 2025, as presented.

Motion made by: Adrianna Barto

Motion seconded by: Melissa Lee

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Committee Meeting: February 3, 2025

IV. New Business

1. Presentation on Social Emotional Learning (Ricardo Rosado)

Mr. Ricardo Rosado, NCSP, LPC, provided a presentation on Social Emotional Learning.

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the developmental process that helps

children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

The history of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) was founded by Dr. James Comer at Yale University's Child Study Center in 1968. This research program focused on supporting and teaching the "whole child".

Then in 1987-1992, Superintendent John Dow, Jr. of New Haven Public Schools, along with Timothy Shriver and Dr. Roger P. Weissberg began the New Haven Social Development program that pioneered SEL strategies across K-12 grade levels.

Dr. Weissberg and Dr. Maurice Elias began the W. T. Grant Consortium on the School-Based Promotion of Social Competence-forming the framework for promoting social and emotional skills in schools.

In 1994, a group of researchers, educators, practitioners, and child advocates came together to form the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL), and the term "social emotional learning".

CASEL has been the leader of the SEL movement with the goal of establishing high-quality, evidence-based SEL as an essential part of preschool through high school education.

2. Special Olympics Track Meet Update (Ms. McClarity)

Ms. McClarity reported that the Special Olympics Track Meet will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025, at West St. Mary High School.

3. St. Mary Parish Arts Jam Update for Elementary and High Schools (Dr. Comeaux)

Ms. McClarity reported that the St. Mary Parish Arts Jam for Elementary Schools will be held on April 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. and High Schools will be held on April 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Both events will take place at the Franklin Teche Theatre located at 501 Main Street, Franklin, Louisiana 70538.

4. Set Dates and Times for Next Year's Special Education Advisory Council Meetings (Dr. Comeaux)

A. Proposed Dates: Monday, September 15, 2025, Monday November 17, 2025, and Monday, January 26, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

The following dates for the 2025-2026 Special Education Advisory Council Meetings are as follows:

- Monday, September 15, 2025
- Monday, November 17, 2025
- Monday, January 26, 2026

A request was made to move the meeting time from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A motion was made to accept meeting dates as presented and change the time from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana.

Motion made by: Melissa Lee

Motion seconded by: Julie Price

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

5. Comments from Committee Members or Attendees (Dr. Comeaux)

Ms. Tiffany Wilson, an Autism Speak Volunteer Advocate Ambassador for the state of Louisiana, who works with children and adults with autism in St. Mary and Iberia Parish. She discussed the importance of community involvement and encouraged parents, teachers, and staff members to get more involved with autism. The public is invited to attend a series of events in recognition of Autism Awareness Month. These events aim to promote awareness, inclusion, and support individuals with autism and their families. For a complete list of events and additional details, please contact Ms. Tiffany Wilson at tiffwilson0171973@gmail.com or (337) 241-2449.

V. Closing

VI. Adjournment (Dr. Comeaux)

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Motion made by: Adrianna Barto

Motion seconded by: Melissa Lee

Voting:

Unanimously Approved