

St. James Parish Public Schools

St. James Special Education Advisory Council Agenda
Meeting #3
Wednesday, April 30, 2025
5:30 PM

- Call to Order- Chair at 5:30 PM
- Prayer-Kimberly Notto-Lockley
- Pledge- LaWanda Carr

ROLL CALL by Daysha Johnson (subbing for Kasi Graver) – Appointed Recorder

SEAC MEMBER	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Senecca Boudreaux	Council Chairperson	X	
Kim Notto-Lockley	SPED Compliance Supervisor	X	
Keion Laurent	Parent	X	
Ashley Harrell	Parent	X	
Jennifer Bye	Parent	X	
LaWanda Carr	Parent	X	
Jai Johnson	Student	X	
Kimya Babers	Representative from Opportunity Now	X	

(Meeting Quorum met)

- Welcome- Chair
SEAC Purpose & Process was presented.

Chair – asked for approval of the minutes of the SEAC Meeting of January 29, 2025.

Public Comments - None

Motion by Jennifer Bye

Second by Ashley Harrell

Motion Passed (all was in favor; no objection)

OLD Business -

1. Continuation of Discuss from December 2022 on making recreational parks more accessible for students with disabilities - Tevis Smith, St. James Parish Recreation.

Ryan Larousse, Assistant Director of Operations attended the meeting in the place of Tevis Smith. He addressed grant funding, presented an addition to the Gramercy Park as a start for students with disabilities, noted about the expansion of the same addition for the West Bank 5th District Park in the future, addressed funding possibilities, and closed with questions from the council and public. Senecca Boudreaux questioned Ryan about Gramercy Recreation Board and

funding available to assist with making parks accessible to all students. Ryan stated that the parish has no control over Gramercy Recreation Board and their funding. Senecca Boudreaux stated that she will be reaching out to the Gramercy Recreation Board with questions and a request for assistance. Ryan stated that competitive grants are due July 24, 2025, and invited participation from SEAC in the July Council Meeting.

NEW Business -

2. District Agenda Items

- Presentation: Supporting Classroom Behavior for student with Autism - Julie Riley

Julie Riley spoke on supporting schools within the district on classroom behavior. She spoke about summer professional development for paras and teachers. She spoke about the techniques she implements during her coaching sessions, and she highlighted positive outcomes with students. She closed with questions from the council and public.

- Chasity Gibson represented Medicaid to speak about services available through the Waiver Program for children with Autism. She took questions and offered resources for parents. Some council and public members also offered resources that they had knowledge of.
- April 2025 Quarterly Special Education Newsletter: Chair

Jennifer Bye distributed the newsletter and Senecca Boudreaux reviewed it with the public. She explained how the newsletter is sent out via text quarterly.

3. Council Agenda Items

- None

Public Comments - None

Closing Remarks - (Council Members)

Jennifer Bye suggested parents educate themselves on wrap around services for their families and homes.

Senecca Boudreaux promoted the opening of the application for next year's SEAC council members for anyone who is interested.

Kimberly Notto-Lockley commended the public for being engaged in the meeting.

Senecca Boudreaux announced that The Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) has approved new qualifications for alternate assessment for the upcoming school year.

Motion for adjournment - Kimberly Notto-Lockley

Motion 2nd by - Ashley Harrell

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM