

SEAC Meeting Minutes 6-25-25
Ascension Special Education Advisory Council

June 25, 2025

5:00 P.M.

In-person meeting (with virtual option)

LeBlanc Special Services Center- 3rd floor

Call to Order

5:00 P.M. by Dr. Adrina Million

Roll call- Quorum Met Present:

- Natalia Dickson
- Adrienne Kelly
- Raven Labiche
- Marvin Reed
- Shelton Williams
- Lorene Phillips
- Lynette White-Pierce
- Dr. Adrina Million

Absent:

- Jodi Rollins
- Kheri Monks
- Jacqueline Paige
- Jasmine Gray
- Jeremy Tarver

Public Comments Procedures

SEAC Purpose and Process

Robert's Rules of Order

Old Business-

- Approval of minutes from April 15, 2025- motion by Kelly and seconded by Dickson

New Business-

- District Agenda Items -
- 2025-26 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC Report) (No Action required)
- LDOE Parental Involvement Survey (No Action required)

- Sent out May 16: provided to each student; reminder was sent out; due 6/30/25
- Act No. 337 (Motion may be required)
 - Changed consequences for students with knives and drugs; mandatory 4 semester site-change
 - What can we do to educate parents and support parents that find themselves in this scenario?
 - LP- look at having an open discussion about this law; attended a conference
 - ND- talked about prevention and support
 - AM- wants to prevent first and also educate
 - ND- treat the cause instead of remedy it
 - AM- possibility of utilizing SNCs; maybe from outside agency to be more preventive; Listen and Learn- learning approach to children
 - AK- can this be discussed at IEPs to inform parents; suggestion to be done at the Fall SEAC meeting
- Updates on Recommendations to Superintendent from 4.16.2025 SEAC Meeting (No Action required)
- Discussion of days and times for 2025-26 SEAC Meetings (Motion may be required)
 - 12:00 and 5:00; some parents can't make one or the other; Wednesdays- common day for Bible studies
 - RL- 12:00 allows for community businesses to be available
 - Will bring this to the new board; suggestion to look at the attendance at 12:00 and the attendance at 5:00
 - MR- How many meetings are scheduled? 6 but not till September; 12:00 easier with students in school
- Parent Agenda Items -
 - Committee Updates for Focus Areas for 2024-25 (*if applicable)
 - Lots of applicants for new board members (6); council is excited about the growing interest
 - Recording of SEAC meetings on website- AM- we try not to put recording on the website due to privacy issues with mentioning students' names
- Special Needs Parent Group
 - AM- subcommittee meetings will be scheduled at the SEAC meetings
 - LP- subcommittees have potential but needs to be restructured; there's plenty time to meet in between SEAC meetings
- Parent Training Sessions
 - AM- no agency information to present tonight; Transitioning Success document was handed and prep day information for all schools were handed out

- Both handouts will be put on our website; look for changes as principles are still in the planning stages for next year
- LDOE Parent Summit will be on July 21, 2025.
- Volunteer Opportunities for general education students
 - Clubs offered; having peer models or friend
 - SPED resource fair table of resources for who could help students recognize peer pressure, mentoring programs, buddy program
 - Concerns for students making bad choices without a type of mentoring
 - March- Autism Awareness
 - ND- read a book about autism to her son's class; mural outside to share and highlight autism
 - AK- gave suggestions about what could be done at each school
 - Not just autism, but bringing awareness to several disabilities
 - AM- spoke to J. Tisdell about having a disabilities awareness month; opportunities for other parents of SWD to connect with others going through the same thing
 - Dr. Walker's advisory committee (parent, teacher, student)
 - BRP- hosts The Nest (disability friendly); example: bingo night but more sensory friendly for all kids
 - LP- really love the collaboration (teacher, student, parent); March can be the launching month and not just making it once and done. It just starts the learning.
 - AM- Tisdell is excited about working with our department. We will be calling on you to help.
 - Actions to explore the ideas mentioned today?

AK- motioned to bring the ideas to next board meeting;

MR- seconded the motion

- Next APS SEAC Meeting: October 2025
- New board members
- AM- y'all are so appreciated; all the things that you do (staff appreciation)
- ND- thank you for the opportunity; motion to adjourn
- AK- seconded the motion