

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

October 13, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

Agenda	Notes
Introductions	Members Present: Karie Kludd, Alicia Wynn, JoMarie Michel, Michelle Dumas (virtual)
SEAC Guidelines and Purpose	Handout
Freshwater Education District Overview Freshwaters 5 Pillars	https://www.fed.k12.mn.us/ REVIEWED WHAT FED PILLARS ARE AND HOW THEY DIRECT DECISION MAKING
Implementing Tier 1 - Social Emotional Learning Curriculum WE-Thinkers: Helping Students Learn How to Think About Others	Amy Zamzo, Occupational Therapist NEW TIER 1 SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LESSONS AT WDC ELEMENTARY. TRACKING DATA ON STUDENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCEPTS. WILL PRESENT FINDINGS TO OTHER DISTRICT PRINCIPALS THIS WINTER
Freshwater School Forest & Freshwater Foundation ALC Online School	Eric Weber, Executive Director REVIEWED FOREST & HANDS-ON LEARNING ONLINE ALC IS NOW AN OPTION FOR SOME STUDENTS. GOING VERY WELL.
Special Education Teacher Pipeline Grant Read Act Updates	Shawn McAllister, Director of Programs and Evaluations
Legislative Updates MDE Monitoring	Jamie Wothe, Director of Special Education
Parent Comments/Questions	HOW WILL RECENT CUTS AND FEDERAL CLOSURES AFFECT OUR DISTRICTS? WHERE DOES ONE FIND THE INFO ON FRESHWATERS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION? WILL THE WDC SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LESSONS BE SHARED AND IMPLEMENTED IN OTHER DISTRICTS?

Topics for Next Meeting	Help Me Connect
Next Meeting Date	April 20th, 2026



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Education District 6004

Fall Special Education Advisory Council Meeting
October 13, 2025
5pm-7pm

Agenda

Introductions

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We-Thinkers - Implementing Tier 1 Social Emotional Learning

Freshwater Foundation

ALC Online School

School Forest

Legislative Updates - Read Act

Parent Comments/Questions

Topic Ideas for our next meeting

Next Meeting Date - April 7, 2025





Welcome

Introductions

- Please share your name
- Please share your school district
- One thing that you would like to gain from our meeting

Bathrooms are down the hall

Help yourself to sub sandwiches and refreshments

Questions are welcome and encouraged

Assume positive intent



SEAC Guidelines and Purpose Handout

Freshwater Education District Overview

[Freshwater Education District](#)

FRESHWATER
Education District 6004

Quality
Services

Student-
Focused
Learning

Diversified
Alternative
Specialized
Differentiated
Learning

Collaborative
Efforts with
Competitive
Minds

Creativity

Quality Services



This pillar emphasizes the importance of providing high-quality services to students and our member districts. This can include everything from excellent customer service to top-notch academic programs. By focusing on quality, Freshwater can attract and retain students and staff who are looking for the best educational experience possible.



Student-Focused Learning



In this pillar, the focus is on tailoring the learning experience to meet the needs of individual students. This might involve personalized instruction, flexible scheduling, or a variety of other approaches that prioritize the student's needs and goals.



Diversified/Alternative/Specialized/Differentiated Learning



This pillar recognizes that not all students learn the same way or have the same educational goals. By offering a range of learning options, such as alternative or specialized programs, we can better serve a diverse student body and help students achieve their unique goals.



Collaborative Efforts with Competitive Minds



Collaboration is essential in today's world, and this pillar recognizes the importance of working with others to achieve common goals. By partnering with competitive minds (our member districts), we can foster innovation, share resources, and create a more vibrant educational community.



Creativity



This pillar emphasizes the importance of creativity in education. By encouraging students and staff to think outside the box, Freshwater can foster a culture of innovation and discovery that benefits everyone. Whether through artistic expression or scientific exploration, creativity is essential to the continued growth and success of Freshwater Education District.





Special Education Teacher Pipeline

Freshwater currently has 5 staff participating in the Pipeline.

[SPED Teacher Pipeline | Sourcewell](#)

This grant supports any eligible employee to pursue any special education licensure area, including Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) or Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH).

The list of licenses this program covers are: ▪ SPED: Academic and Behavioral Specialist ▪ SPED: Emotional Behavior Disorders ▪ SPED: Learning Disabilities ▪ SPED: Autism Spectrum Disorders ▪ SPED: Developmental Adapted Physical Education



School Forest

A vibrant, sunlit forest scene. A winding dirt path leads through a lush green landscape. Several wooden benches are placed along the path. The trees are tall and leafy, with sunlight filtering through the canopy, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. The overall scene is a beautiful representation of a school forest.











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Mn READ Act Updates

All of Freshwaters teaching staff have completed the required MN READ Act Training.

This August all Freshwater Paraprofessionals were also provided 9 hours of literacy training to meet MN Read Act requirements

Freshwater has put into place Fastbridge to use as a screening tool for Math and Reading. We will also be implementing CAPTI as a reading screener for students who are in grades 4th -12th and not reading at grade level.

Topics for Next Meeting

Freshwater's Fall SEAC Meeting will be held on
April 20, 2026 at 5pm.

Ideas for Discussion



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