



**Saint Paul Public Schools
Special Education
Advisory Council**

Sec. 8 Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 125A.24 (PACs)

In order to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in district policymaking and decision-making, school districts must have a special education advisory council that is incorporated into the district's special education system plan.

Attendees: Rachael Sewell, Amy Eelkema, Nicole Warner, Christina Nicholas, Joel Van Valin, Lisa Reiter, Christina Locke, Rhonda Morrison, Kathleen Morrison, Sarah Glesmann, Mayra Mariscal, Amy Johnson, Heidi Nistler, Jackie Kelly, Gina Paton,

15 people: 9 of 10 members, 5 staff, 1 guests

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

Date: 9-15-2025

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. meeting

In Person: Administration Building, 360 Colborne St. room A & B. (5:30-6:00 p.m. light meal and connecting).

Virtually: Google Meets : <https://meet.google.com/ttt-mmpw-wzr>

6:00 p.m. 6. Welcome, Member & Guest Introductions

Share your name, if you're a member or guest and a little about yourself or your child, what do you want from SEAC? What don't you want?

Members and guests want a place to provide feedback, a place to learn from other parents and staff, good conversations where we learn together, a safe space to share.

6:15 p.m. Introduction to SEAC

What is SEAC:

SEAC is a group of parents, guardians, staff and community members that meet monthly "to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in policymaking and decision-making".

How does SEAC work:

At SEAC meetings members are informed and share input to improve programs and systems for students with disabilities and their families.

6:25 p.m. Approve [June meeting minutes](#) and September Agenda.

Rachel Sewell moved to approve SEAC meeting minutes, Nicole Warner seconded. Minutes was approved and passed.

Rachel Sewell moved to approve September Agenda, Rhonda Morrison seconded. Agenda was approved and passed.

6:30 p.m. Forum

- Hearing parent voice
- Sharing stories from the disability community

7:00 p.m. SpEd Update- Heidi Nistler, Assistant Superintendent, Specialized Services

[OSS Organizational Chart](#)

2025-2026 Priorities

READ Act Implementation-Phase 2

- Teacher Assistants and Educational Assistants (specialized training for Paraprofessionals)
- Secondary Special education teachers
- New teachers who did not require training last year.

Supports for setting III Programs

- DCD/ASD Classrooms-2 Coaches and 1 EA
- EBD-1 Coach and 1 EA

SPPS Referendum Awareness

To continue providing high-quality education to all our students, we are asking the community to vote on an operating levy on November 4, 2025.

- Information about the referendum is on the SPPS website

[2025 Referendum](#)

- Early voting opens on September 19, 2025

[Voter registration information](#)

7:30 p.m. Nominations and elections for Co-Chair and SEAC Executive

Nominations and elections were held to elect 1 co-chair and 3 SEAC Executives, obtaining the following results:

Co-Chair: Christina Locke

SEAC Executive: Nicole Warner, Rhonda Morrison and Rachael Sewell.

8:05 p.m. Adjourn

Next meeting- Monday, October 13, 2025 Hybrid meeting