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Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)
October 14, 2025
4:00-5:30
Minutes

1. Introduction of Council
    a. Introduced attendees
        i. Parents- Sherry Safratowich & Megan Henry
        ii. Staff – Leslie Sagen & Eva Pohl

2. PAWN Special Education
    a. Reviewed PAWN Website
        i. Mission
        ii. Member Districts
        iii. Total Special Education System (TSES)
        iv. Resources & Links
    b. Reviewed MDE Quick Cards links
    c. Reviewed Help Me Grow
    d. Reviewed Resources for Families

3. SEAC
    a. Reviewed purpose & structure of SEAC

4. Parent Resources
    a. Reviewed PACER Website
    b. MDE Website
    c. Office of Civil Rights Website

5. Strengths
    a. Special Education Staff in districts

6. Areas of Needed Growth
    a. How do we grow SEAC membership and more parent involvement?
    b. How do we better educate on accommodation & disabilities
    c. Further inform parents on mission and purpose of SEAC
    d. Ideas to consider
        i. Newsletter
        ii. Handouts
        iii. Announcements on website

7. Next Steps
    a. Bring ideas to director and special ed coordinators
    b. Next SEAC Meeting
        i. Tuesday October 13, 2026 at 4:00-5:30 Nevis Public School Library