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The Ascension Special Education Advisory Council (Ascension SEAC) is an opportunity for parents, district staff, and community stakeholders to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The members of Ascension SEAC shall engage in outreach activities in the community to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration in regard to special education. The council will consist of 4 members, 2 shall be parents of a child who receives special education services, one shall be an Ascension Parish Principal, Teacher or Paraprofessional, and one shall be a special education stakeholder. Each member will be appointed for a one school year term and will act as an advisory council to the superintendent and/or the school board. The Ascension SEAC will meet three times per school year.

**SEAC Members:** Honesty Howard (parent member), Jodi Rollins (parent member), Katie Millet (teacher member), and Sara Recile (other special education stakeholder). Chair: Lynn Hathaway, Director of Special Education

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Public comment procedures
- SEAC Purpose & Process
- Approval of minutes from December 3, 2021 SEAC meeting

1. **OLD Business - SEAC Recommendations made to Superintendent Alexander:**

A. more frequent meetings with varying times so that parents have different opportunities to attend

**APPROVED:** Increase to Bi-monthly meetings with alternating times: February, April, June, August, October, December; meetings will rotate between NOON and 6pm - NEXT meeting April

- B. **APPROVED:** a one page informational sheet that explains the IEP process and encourages & welcomes parents as critical team members
- C. **APPROVED:** Welcome Packet that provides parents with IEP information and resources in a user-friendly format
- D. **APPROVED:** Increased number of SEAC council members: starting with 2022-2023 school year, SEAC team will double in size from four members to eight members. Members will be selected this Spring (April release of member application). SEAC will comprised of 50% parents, 25% district special education staff, and 25% other stakeholder.
- E. Progress/updates on focus area items: **ALL APPROVED**
- a. Continue to increase methods of notice of our SEAC meetings
  - b. Improved SPED page on website with user friendly resources for parents & families
  - c. Creation of a survey for parents & special education teachers

→ **NEW Business**

→ - District Agenda Items-

- 2.a. Introduction of Wanda August, APS Parent Facilitator
- 2.b. APS Website - Official Launch - after school February 25, 2022 - ADVANCE viewing of special education pages/updates
- 2.c. March is dis-ABILITY & Inclusion Awareness Month

→ - Parent Agenda Items -

- 3.a. Increasing SEAC Attendance - IDEAS & Suggestions
- 3.b. Inclusion - IDEAS & recommendations

Closing of Meeting -

***Next APS SEAC Meetings: April 27, 2022 at 6 p.m.***

**Meeting Dates for Ascension SEAC Meetings:**

April 27, 2022 at 6 pm

June 16, 2022 at NOON

August 24, 2022 at 6pm

(bimonthly meetings to continue: October, December, February, April - Dates to be determined)