

Minutes of the St. James Parish Schools Special Education Advisory Council

Notice: The Special Education Advisory Council Meeting was scheduled for February 20, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room, Litcher, Louisiana.

Date Posted: February 19, 2020

Purpose: To provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The intent of SEAC is to provide thoughtful insight in support of student with disabilities.

Agenda for the Meeting

1. Sabra Robichaux Advisory chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
2. Senecca Boudreaux led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following members were present: Senecca Boudreaux, Tammy Johnson, Jenell Chenier, Tiffany Madere, Tanya Aikens, Sabra Robichaux.
4. Chair Sabra Robichaux introduced the council members and asked them to introduce and tell a little about themselves.
5. Chair Sabra Robichaux introduced the Special Education Department.
6. Chair Sabra Robichaux explained the public comment procedures.
7. Chair Sabra Robichaux read over the ethics with the members.
8. Purpose of SEAC: Chair Sabra Robichaux read over portions the SEAC Handbook.
9. The floor was open for public comment. April Young -public comment, "for more parent involvement and for a child with a disability should also be a member on the board to speak for what they need."
10. Topics of interest:
 - Senecca asked how do people know about these meetings. How is it advertised to let people know about the meetings. What about parents that don't have access to the internet.
 - Nexting: March 19th and April 23rd, 4:30 and school board office. Senecca wanted clarity on dates, times and number of meetings again.
 - Tammy Johnson- more available resources for parents and students with disabilities, parents to be able to find the resources for children with disabilities
 - Tammy Johnson- better programs for transitioning and planning for preparation for life after school, not seeing a lot of planning for transitioning as we should and not early enough or the resources for the planning given to parents
 - Jenell Chenier-Concerned about giving students resources for after high school, for those not going to college, CTC- see what they offer for special needs students not going to college

- Tammy Johnson-General education has counselors to tell them what is offered to the students- Jenell and Tammy-Career Paths- what options are offered for students with disabilities.

11. On motion by Senecca Boudreaux, seconded by Jenell Chenier and unanimously carried the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.