

St. James Parish Public Schools

St. James Special Education Advisory Council Agenda
Meeting #2
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
5:30PM

Call to Order

(5:30PM) – meeting called to order by Senecca Boudreaux - Chair

→ Prayer – Dr. Melissa Roussel - Member

→ Pledge – Brooklyn Bourgeois - Member

ROLL CALL by Heidi Trosclair – SEAC MEMBER

SEAC MEMBER	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Senecca Boudreaux	Council Chairperson	X	
Heidi Trosclair	Compliance Supervisor	X	
Dr. Melissa Roussel, PHD	Parent	X	
Brittney Trosclair	Parent		X
Keion Laurent	Parent	X	
Ciara Gardner	Parent	X	
Brooklyn Bourgeois	Student	X	
Kaiyah Bejoile	Student	X	

Welcome – Senecca Boudreaux - Chair

(5:35PM)

- 1. Public comment procedures:** Chair shared protocols for public comments **(5:55PM)**
- 2. SEAC Purpose & Process:** Chair shared SEAC Purpose and Process including Robert’s Rules of Order.

(5:40PM) Old Business

- Special Education Newsletter (*October*)- Chair shared dissemination date, shared method of dissemination, confirmed receipt, and reviewed info in newsletter
- SJP Special Olympics – Chair shared date and volunteer list for anyone interested in volunteering

New Business - None

District Agenda Items- None

(5:58PM) Council Agenda Items

- a. Presentation from Bayouland Families Helping Families (*No Show-Emergency*)

- b. Presentation from LaCAN-Julie Folsie (*No Show - Emergency*)
- c. What are the steps parents should take when needing adequate help for their child in the school system? SEAC Discussion
 - 1. October 1 Count-*(Identified)* – Heidi Trosclair
 - 2. School Building Level Committee (*Child Find*) - Chair
 - 3. Discussion on referral process when you suspect disabilities - Chair

Dr. Roussel asks: What is adequate assistance?

- a. **Healthcare system** is failing and are not identifying at birth (*how are you helping educate the families*)
- b. Schools need to educate the teachers to reach out to parents about how unidentified students receives assistance to close the gap.
- c. **Community**-People want to help; but our community doesn't know that we are here and need more people fighting and advocating.
- d. **Adequate Help**-Already identified and can contact the teacher and good communication between school and home.
- e. **Support Group**- parents are here and want to know what is going on
- f. **With Special Education**-Parent stating what is going on with child; academic situation what I am noticing new, parent concern and how to address that in an IEP meeting-*Keion Laurant-parent*
- g. **Nonverbal Students**-advocate for your student and you are the best advocate for your child; put in writing when you have a new concern.
- h. **Data Driven**- Data driven decision-making skills; federally binding documents/Ask for the data and sit and discuss with the parent in IEP Meeting. Parents of students with special needs struggle; it is not working with this child like it works with my other children; parent should ask for help. *Dr. Roussel* stated how to ask for students.

(6:33PM) Public Comments:

Brittany (parent in audience) -To the council- The adequate help (Renate D forms): After you have exhausted the forms since 2nd grade, resources, being overtalked, child is just going to the next grade level, what is in the IEP is not happening. What are the next steps? Parent feels that her child is not receiving adequate help. (For specific concerns Chair stated for parent to stay after to discuss privately).

The things in the IEP that are not being followed with fidelity, binding document. I have exhausted each resource since second grade. My child is in 7th grade on a second-grade level in reading. What are the steps? Due process hearing would be next....what is the resolution

process? Mediation-to the district office...areas of concerns; IEP is not being implemented with fidelity.

Parent remarks: parent raised hand and stated that the physicians will reach out to the school on the parent behalf if they struggle with needs.

(6:43) Closing Remarks: Chair closed by repeating and reviewing what was discussed.

Brooklyn-No comments

Dr Roussel- Show appreciation for the hard conversation and fix things from the past and opening the comments

Keion Laurant-No comments

Ciara Gardner- No comments

Brooklyn Bourgeois- No comments

Kaiyah Bejoile- No comments

Heidi Trosclair-No comments

(6:50PM) Chair asks for a motion for the meeting to be adjourned

MOTION: Dr. Roussel

Second Motion: Ciara Gardner

(TIME: 6:51PM) Meeting Adjourned by Chair