

## **Special Education Advisory Council Meeting (SEAC)**

### **Meeting Opening**

Meeting called to order at 2:35 PM by SEAC Chairperson, James Newman. Greetings were made by Warren Drake, Superintendent of East Baton Rouge School System.

**Members present were:** Cynthia Chesterfield, Patricia Kisamore, James Newman, Kristin Robair, Jeanette Rollins, Mary Sue Slack, Rochelle Perry, Secretary

**Absent members were:** Nikki Godfrey, Mandy Poche and Rosalind Wright

**Others present were:** Warren Drake, Superintendent; Elizabeth T. Chapman, Director of Exceptional Student Services; Patrice Hudson, Supervisor of Exceptional Student Services

### **Minutes:**

Agenda (see attached)

Handbook review and discussed. Established future dates and times for SEAC meetings in 2020 were decided, Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at Southdowns School, 2050 Hood Avenue, B.R., LA 70808 and Tuesday, October 6, 2020, place to be determined. All meetings will be from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. However, due to COVID 19, no meetings were held.

All meetings will be advertised to the public via, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's website, robo-calls, robo-text and flyers sent home with students.

Clarification on what constitutes a year for Council Members (January – December or August – May), needs to be determined.

Rules and regulations governing the Council Meetings and forms used for public speaking and comments that were established by the state were discussed. Established that time allotted for public comments will be fifteen (15) minutes and each speaker will be allowed two (2) minutes. Public Comment Form and Guidelines will be available at each meeting for individuals who want to share their ideas, comments or concerns regarding special education matters. In addition, the comments cards are forwarded to the Supervisor/Director of Special Education. Personalized comments and concerns will be addressed directly to individuals and not made part of the minutes.

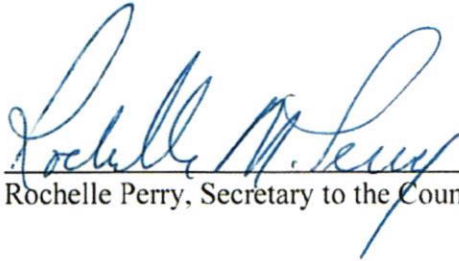
Suggestions for Agenda for 4-7-20 Meeting:

1. Self-Contained Classroom conditions/aesthetics.
2. Why are there no special education classes at Lee and B.R. High Schools.
3. Time students spend in community (Community Based Classes).
4. Transition of students:
  - a. Elementary School to Middle School
  - b. Middle School to High School
  - c. High School and Beyond (College/Work)
5. Integration/Awareness of special needs students with regular education students.

Deadline for submission of items for April 7, 2020 Council Meeting is Friday, February 28, 2020.

A report of the yearly activities of the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) will be presented to the Superintendent of East Baton Rouge Parish School System on May 5, 2020.

There being no further discussion, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:52 PM.



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Rochelle Perry, Secretary to the Council