

# Special Education Advisory Council Virtual Meeting- **January 25, 2022**

## (SEAC) Minutes

### **Meeting Opening**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by SEAC Chairperson, Dr. Janet Harris. Greetings were given by Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent for East Baton Rouge Parish School System. New members were asked to unmute and introduce themselves.

### **Members present:**

Adrian Deschamps, Tia Edwards, Angela Harmon, April Hampton, Dr. Ashley Argrave, Ashlyn Harrison, Anitra Walker, Cynthia Chesterfield, Danice Thomas, Secretary.

### **Absent Member(s):** Josephine Idusuyi

**Others present:** Kathyryne Hart, Corhonda Corley, parents. Others were on the call but did not unmute to identify themselves. There was a total of 14 participants who attended the virtual meeting.

### **Minutes:**

Agenda (see attached)

Dr. Harris presented a PowerPoint and gave an in-depth review of the SEAC Handbook. Items discussed were the vision, purpose, the application process, membership, Act No. 274, and focus of SEAC. Future meeting dates were established for 2022. The dates are April 21, 2022 and October 13, 2022. All meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m., place to be determined.

Members voted that the best method of communication is via email.

All meetings will be advertised to the public via, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's website. Parent suggested close captioning should be used for all virtual meetings. Dr. Argrave agreed to work with Dr. Harris on that process if needed.

Questions were read and answered from the Chat box.

### **Suggestions for Agenda for April 21, 2022 Meeting:**

1. Assistive Technology Assessment
2. Conduct SEAC Meetings with Close Captioning (Transcriber), Large format, and transcription for English Language Learners (ELLs) in their native language.
3. ESY program criteria
4. PAES Lab for HS Community Based Classrooms
5. Manifestation Determination Review (MDR) Process/ Policy for students with disabilities
6. ADA Updates

7. ESS Newsletter for Parents
8. Parent Forum (Q & A)- Leaders in the field and experts provide insight areas if supports needed for students with disabilities.
9. Provide a survey on the website of areas parents are interested in learning more about or need additional guidance.
10. Suggestion to have parents register for meeting to have the necessary supports available i.e., translator available in child's native language.

Dr. Harris and Mr. Smith provided closing remarks and thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

There being no further discussion, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Danice B. Thomas, Secretary to the Council