

## Special Education Advisory Council Meeting- October 13, 2022

### (SEAC) Minutes

#### **Meeting Opening**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by SEAC Chairperson, Dr. Janet Harris. The new ESS Director, Rodney Coates, was introduced along with the new supervisors for the department. Tracy Smith was in attendance. Meeting norms given by Dr. Harris, which included the use of closed captioning, we also modified the coloring of the PowerPoints used for any person with low vision. She continued the meeting while having technical difficulties. The members of the council introduced themselves and the agenda was shared and followed.

#### **Members present:**

Tia Edwards, Angela Harmon, April Hampton, Ashlyn Harrison, Anitra Walker, Cynthia Chesterfield, Adrian Deschamp.

**Members absent:** Josephine Idusuyi, Dr. Ashley Argrave(excused).

#### **Minutes:**

Agenda (see attached)

Dr. Harris read through the agenda and introduced out first Presenter, Vickey Silas, Deputy Chief of Policy & Implementation. She shared the legislation on Cameras in the ESS Classroom. This item will go to the full board on October 20, 2022.

Our second Presenter Ashlyn Harrison, District 504 Facilitator. She shared what is the 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, eligibility, the evaluation process, and how to request a SBLC meeting.

Our third Presenter was Dr. Corie Buras, Director of MTSS. She gave an overview of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and SEL. She shared what is MTSS and SEL in EBR, the timeline, operational definitions, and our SEL partners.

Our last presentation was from Tracy Smith, ESS Supervisor and Pamela Ross, ESS Educational Diagnostician. The shared Bulletin 1508 Evaluation process, initial evaluation guidelines, Exceptionalities, and key participants.

**All PowerPoint presentations are attached for viewing.**

All meetings were advertised to the public via, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's website, School Apps, and flyers.

Questions were read and answered from the Chat box by Tracey Smith, ESS Supervisor.

Dr. Harris and Mr. Smith provided closing remarks. Mr. Smith shared that we must focus on closing the gap for our students with disabilities and what a wonderful program April Dunn is for our students. Every senior under the April Dunn Act graduated in 2021, he thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

Dr. Harris shared that the council will be adding a new position for a high school student. An application will be posted on the EBR website for all interested students.

She also shared the proposed meeting dates for 2023.

This meeting was ABA Compliance.

There being no further discussion, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Danice B. Thomas, Secretary to the Council