

Special Education Advisory Council Meeting- April 27, 2023

(SEAC) Minutes

Meeting Opening

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by SEAC Chairperson, Dr. Janet Harris. The presenters were introduced and the agenda was shared and followed.

Members present:

Tia Edwards, Angela Harmon, Dr. Ashley Argrave Smith.

Minutes:

Agenda (see attached)

Dr. Harris read through the agenda and introduced our first Presenter, Ms. Coletha Anderson, Program Facilitator for Extended School Year (ESY). She presented copies of a pamphlet and gave an in-depth review of the ESY program which included: A summary of ESY, criteria for eligibility, and the schedule for this summer. The program will be held at Audubon ES and Sherwood MS from Monday, June 5, 2023–Thursday, July 13, 2023 from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. ESY days are Monday through Thursday.

Our second Presenter was Donnell Hyde, Supervisor for Health & PE/Athletics. He shared a PowerPoint pamphlet outlining the 2023 EBR Summer Enrichment Camps that will be offered to students from kindergarten to grade 8. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System partnered with BREC, Big Buddy Program, Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Louisiana, YMCA of the Capital Area, EBR Sports Clinic and EBR 21st Century STEM Camps to operate several of our elementary Summer Enrichment Camps across the school district. Students will experience daily academic engagement in mathematics and literacy in the morning and enrichment activities in the afternoon for an engaging day of learning, enrichment, and fun. The online registration will end on April 30, 2023. The clinic will run from Monday, June 5- June 29, 2023, from 8:00- 11:30 will be academic, and enrichment will begin at noon- until 4:00, Monday- Thursday. Transportation will not be provided.

It is important to note; parents, of the council expressed their concerns about not having a summer program for their high school students with Autism. They pledged with the Council to work with the district on having a summer program for high school students with disabilities and have the online application to reflect those with disabilities.

Ms. Christina Anderson, Admin. Director of Equity & Diversity, assured the parents she would take their concerns back to Central office staff. She shared two additional sites had been requested and they could possibly be used for students with disabilities.

Our third Presenter was Bethany Waters, Program Specialist for PreK Programs. She shared a PowerPoint pamphlet on Making the Transition to Kindergarten. She gave an overview of the program which included: The Evaluation & IEP process, when services begin, placement of students, and documents needed for school registration.

Our last presentation was from two members of the Transition Team- Dr. Robert Garcia, ESS Supervisor, and Pamela White, ESS Instructional Support Specialist.

Dr. Garcia presented on Transitioning a student to High school. To ensure a smooth transition of students with significant cognitive disabilities to schools, he gave steps and shared the types of documents to complete. Transition planning requires that all students 16 years of age and older with an IEP have individualized transition plan.

All materials are attached for viewing.

Making the Transition to Kindergarten

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ndp7Jc7Rp5tkc11nkkhQZ5V2vV2PlaYhK1sHczbyE04/edit#slide=id.g125044330d7_0_85

Summer Enrichment Camps

<https://ebschools.org/summer/>

Transitioning a student to High school



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ESY Extended School Year



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

Dr. Harris provided closing remarks and thanked everyone for joining the meeting and invited them to the last Special Education Advisory Council Meeting on October 26, 2023.

There being no further discussion, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 P.M.

Danice B. Thomas, Secretary to the Council