

Special Education Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 17, 2020

The meeting was opened at 4:30 pm by Janise Hardy, Council Chairperson. Board members in attendance were:

- Janise Hardy, Chairperson
- Sara Harrington, Special Education Teacher
- Jessica Touchet- Literacy Interventionist

Amanda Comeaux, Tanessa Green, and Penny Arcement were marked absent. Also in attendance was Regina Hebert, Coordinating Supervisor of Special Education, Tommy Byler, Superintendent and Shauntella Broussard, secretary.

Board meetings are not regulated by the Open Meetings Law.

Mrs. Hardy welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Ms. Hardy. Ms. Hardy also welcomed our superintendent, Tommy Byler and he gave a welcome.

Ms. Hardy spoke about the duties of the SEAC committee. Goals, transition, and community outreach is some of the focal points for our committee for this school year. Sara Harrington spoke about creating and collaborating a flyer with important information and resources for parents. Janise Hardy shared the ones that she has that needs to be updated. An IEP flyer will also be given out to each parent during their child's IEP meeting. These two flyers will also be put on the facebook page and the VPSB website for information for parents to utilize.

Next on the agenda was Ms. Regina Hebert, Coordinating Supervisor of Special Education. Ms. Regina welcomed everyone to the meeting and also announced Ms. Janise Hardy will now be the family facilitator for our Special Education department. Ms. Hardy was previously employed with VPSB for seven years before she became the Coordinator of the Arc of Vermilion. Ms. Hebert also gave updates of the SPED department. The department is trying to go more towards all digital documents instead of paper. She also said that she and the SPED coordinators are working on transition with virtual and face to face learning.

Sara Harrington mentioned digital access for benchmark and data focal points with interactive programs through google classroom that tracks and collects data for students. Ms. Harrington also mentioned that she will share the benchmarking with Ms. Roz and also willing to help the SPED self-contained teachers.

Next topic of discussion was focusing on transitioning and self-advocacy and community outreach. This will continue to be the main focus for this school year.

Jessica Touchet mentioned that she has contacts to get information and outside resources to be put on the information flyer.

The committee also discussed about different ways to give parents more information for understanding transition. It was also said that there will be a draft of the flyer ready in early November.

The next SEAC meeting will be on the following date.

- February 4, 2020 – 4:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm by Ms. Janise Hardy