Acadia Parish Special Education Advisory Council 2022-2023 Annual Report

Committee Members:

Charlotte Castille, Chairperson
Cameron Jones, High School Student
Shannon Hollier, Parent
Crystal Leger, Parent
Tina Leger, Parent
Mandi Jones, Parent
Ann Mire, Community Agency Member
Paul Benoit, Teacher

Dates of Meetings: February 27, 2023

March 27, 2023 April 24, 2023

Feb. 27, 2023 the APSB SEAC met and approved the Minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting. The following council Members were given copies of the minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Tina Leger / Seconded by Shannon Hollier and carried. The chairman gave an Introduction of new members of the SEAC. The chairman gave an Explanation of the SEAC. The chairman Introduction of the APSB leadership team/Explanation of the process of Special Education services. Dates of The next Meetings were announced as: March 27, 2023 (Guest speaker Troy Abshire, Acadiana Area Human Service District), April 24, 2023: Guest Speaker (E. Brown, Down's Syndrome Association of Acadiana). The audience made suggestions for additional topics for discussion (Local Summer Activities). The meeting was adjourned with a Motion to adjourn by Shannon Hollier, Seconded by Paul Benoit and carried at 4:25 PM.

On March 27, 2023 the APSB SEAC met and approved the Minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting. Then following council Members were given copies of the minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Shannon Hollier / seconded by Paul Beniot and carried. The chairman read the vision statement and explained the purpose of the Special Education Advisory Council. The chairman gave an Explanation of the SEAC. The chairman Introduction of the APSB leadership team/Explanation of the process of Special Education services. Ms.Lorie Gresham of Acadiana Area Human Service District gave a summary of each of the programs that are offered in our region. Parents and attendees engaged in question and answer discussion with the area representative about the individual programs. The dates of The next Meetings were announced as: April 24, 2023. The meeting was adjourned with a Motion to adjourn by Paul Benoit, Seconded by Ann Mire and carried at 4:28 PM.

On April 24, 2023 the APSB SEAC met and approved the Minutes of the March 27, 2023 meeting. Then following council Members were given copies of the minutes of the March 27, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Paul Beniot / seconded by Ann Mire and carried. The chairman read the vision statement and explained the purpose of the Special Education Advisory Council. The chairman gave an introduction of the SEAC and APSB leadership team / SEAC members. Ms. E. Brown and her sister, Ms. Erika Brown, gave a summary of the Down's Syndrome Association and the programs that are offered in our region. She explained the individual growth her sister experienced after she became involved in the organization. Ms. Erika spoke of the activities that she enjoys participating in with the organization. Mrs Crystal Romein, Alex Manuel, and Brooke Verrett of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services gave a summary of each of the programs LRS offers in this region. Parents and attendees engaged in question and answer discussion with the area representative about the individual programs. The dates of The next Meetings were discussed and the months of the meetings were determined as October, January, April. The meeting was adjourned with a Motion to adjourn by Tina Leger, Seconded by Paul Benoit, and carried at 5:16 PM.