

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

MINUTES

Date: May 21, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Platform: Zoom

Facilitators: Dr. Shirley Lewis and Dr. Janet Harris

Attendance

Members Present:

- Jason (Jay) Isch, Advocate (Deaf Focus)
- Barbara Gresham, Parent (LSVI)
- Renee Griffin, Teacher (LSVI)
- Lumeke Young, Parent (LSD)
- April Gremillion, Parent (LSVI)
- Dr. Jordan Sanchez, Teacher (SSP)
- Eric Guillory, Stakeholder (Louisiana Center for the Blind)
- Karen Harris, Parent (LSVI)

Agenda

- **Greetings** -Dr. Lewis
- **SEAC Roll Call** – A quorum of members was present.
- **Acceptance of Minutes from SEAC Meeting on April 23, 2020**
 - Motion was made to accept the April 23, 2020 meeting minutes by Dr. Lewis
 - Request for April 23, 2020 minutes to be amended
- **Public Comment Overview/Guidelines** - Dr. Lewis welcomed all attendees and requested comments to be put in the Zoom chat box made privately and reviewed by Dr. Lewis.
- **SSD Strategic Planning Update/Discussion**
 - Dr. Lewis reiterated previous meeting discussion requesting council members to engage parents and stakeholders.
 - Members asked how to obtain a copy of the Strategic Plan. The plan is currently in the planning phase but Superintendent Garrett would like to know what

members want to include in the plan. Members would like to know more about the structure of the SSD and the reasons for merging. Discussion of guiding questions was facilitated with members and feedback and comments from members were provided during the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Isch to establish a committee for LSD, LSVI and SSP's each group needs. The motion was seconded by Ms. Griffin. By a majority vote of six yeas, the motion passed.

Committee members voting “yea” to form a subcommittee to identify each groups needs for the LSD, LSVI, and SSP:

- Jason Isch,
- Barbara Gresham
- Renee Griffin
- Lumeke Young
- April Gremillion
- Karen Harris

Members voting “Present” on the motion:

- Dr. Jordan Sanchez

Members absent:

- Eric Guillory

A motion was made by Mr. Isch to invite outside experts to add to the committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris. By a vote of six yeas, the motion passed.

Members voting “yea” on the motion to allow outside experts to participate on the committee:

- Jason Isch
- Barbara Gresham
- Renee Griffin
- Lumeke Young
- April Gremillion
- Karen Harris

Members voting “Present” on the motion:

- Dr. Jordan Sanchez

Members absent:

- Eric Guillory

- **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned