



Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)



Reaching Every Student

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) members represent the interests of all children with exceptional needs. Members and Special Education Department Resource Staff have 10 meetings each school year to review and make recommendations about programs, initiatives and policies which will enable students to reach their full potential.

What Is the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)?

SEAC is an advisory committee mandated through the Education Act as a standing committee of each school board. The committee reports to the school board and makes recommendations to the board regarding special education policies, programs and services.

What Happens at a SEAC Meeting?

SEAC meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and typically run for approximately two hours. Key presentations are made to give guests and members information about a program, initiative or upcoming event. Presentations are given by school or Board teams, Special Education Department staff or a member of a partner agency or association. Association and Department updates are provided, and members participate in discussions to generate ideas and make future recommendations.

Who Is On SEAC?

SEAC is a welcoming group of parents, Trustees, Special Education Resource Staff and community association representatives who have 10 meetings each year to review and discuss a wide variety of special education topics. Some individuals are members of a local organization such as Association for Community Living however, other interested parents who are not affiliated with an organization are welcome to join SEAC as a Member-at-Large. We are only permitted to have two Members-at-Large on SEAC.

Catholic School Councils are asked to identify an individual to receive and report on SEAC minutes. Existing SEAC members are available to answer questions or support these representatives as required.

How Do I Become Involved With SEAC?

If you would like to attend a meeting to learn more about SEAC, or to become a member, we encourage you to attend a meeting. Meetings are open to the public and are currently being held virtually via Teams. These meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month starting at 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Presentations

During the upcoming school year SEAC has requested presentations on:

- ❖ How Special Education Students are Supported Virtually – September 30th, 2020
- ❖ Trauma – October 28th, 2020
- ❖ Self-regulation – November 25th, 2020
- ❖ SLP Science of Reading – January 27th, 2021

How Do I Learn More About SEAC?

If you would like additional information about SEAC please feel free to contact one of the SEAC members or Special Education Department staff listed below. They would be happy to answer your questions.

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