



Sec. 8 Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 125A.24 (PACs)
In order to increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in district policymaking and decision-making, school districts must have a special education advisory council that is incorporated into the district's special education system plan.

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Minutes Approved

Date: 01-03-22

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Link to join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9438313562>

Attendees: Melissa Weeks, Rachael Sewell, Amy Eelkema Baxter, Brenda Natala, Calton Sims, Jackie Kelly, Larry Wren, Amy Johnson, Michele Silvester, Oanh Nguyen, Roxanne King, Carrie Jakober, Sue Benolken, Tonya Long, Ashley Ward, Micaela Smith, Tom Patrick, Meghan Montavon
18 people: 6 of 10 members, 5 staff, 7 guests

5:50 p.m. Optional Pre Meeting Chatter - Join us if you can for an informal check in.

6:06 p.m. Housekeeping, Welcome & Introductions

Introductions/ Share/ Connect: Your name, your child

6:25 p.m. Approve [December minutes](#)

Calton motioned to approve, Amy seconded.

6:30 p.m. Charting the LifeCourse, Carrie Jakober, MN Department of Human Services Family Connections Coordinator and Jamie O'Conner, Family Voices Outreach Coordinator

Charting the LifeCourse (CTL) framework and tools were created for people and families of all abilities and all ages to:

- Explore life possibilities

- Share ideas, hopes, and fears
- Set higher expectations
- Navigate Future
- Advocate and create a Vision
- Problem-Solve and Plan

The Trajectory can be a valuable vehicle when planning for changes. Use questions that prompt your vision then what steps would be needed to get there. Example: *What's your vision for a good day at school? What are the steps to get to your good day?*

Typically we've been good at planning Safety and Health; CtLC helps think beyond to other life domains. CtLC Life Domains are great conversation starters. What experiences do we want/need to have *the Good Life* we're planning.

Life Experiences = Life Outcomes = Good Life

Our very own Roxanne King is a CtLC Ambassador!

Members and guests practiced using the trajectory.

Bridge View and Focus Beyond are currently using CtLC.

7:30 p.m. Special Education Update, Brenda Natala, Director Specialized Services -

Transitions:

- Marcy Doud - Superintendent ISD 287 beginning 7/1/2022
- Heather Kilgore - Office of Family Engagement
- New Board of Education Members sworn in 1/4/22

Halla Henderson and Uriah Ward

~~7:20 p.m. SEAC Forum~~ - Tabled because of time. Questions will be shared in SEAC Chatter.

The forum will allow the expression of concerns and recommendations pertaining to the education of students with disabilities in SPPS. SEAC members strive to discuss & advise on issues of broad importance to SPPS as a whole. Personal stories & reflection can be used to inform the group's understanding of broad issues. Perspectives and confidentiality will be respected. Members are encouraged to bring forth stories of what is working well, concerns, and or recommendations for discussion within the group.

Dr. Gothard is listening “I want to hear your ideas and your solutions for better serving our community and making our schools the best they can be for our students and families.”

- How do we improve student outcomes? **What are your ideas? Thank you for sharing via SEAC Chatter.**
- School climate?
- Staff satisfaction?
- How do we stabilize or even increase enrollment?
- What should we stop doing, and what should we do more of?

7:45 p.m. Meeting Wrap Up

- Announcement, Event or Resource to share

Tonya Long, SPPS Parent and [Ramsey County Transforming Systems Together Catalyst Team](#) (TST)

Transforming Systems Together (TST) is a shared decision-making initiative of community members and Ramsey County to rethink how the county delivers services and invests in community. TST is intended to change the way the county makes decisions about priorities, approaches, budgets and program design by having community members at the table as an equal voice.

- TST is currently working on transforming Child Protection and looking at how it intersects with each of the other systems.
- TST is looking for community members. Members must: live in Ramsey County, have a lived experience or lived experience through a family member.
- For more contact Tonya Long at tklong50@gmail.com
- Agenda items: share with SEAC Executive for consideration

- Tip to share on SEAC Facebook Group

8:06 p.m. Adjourned

8:05 p.m. SEAC Executive

Next SEAC meeting: ~~Monday, Feb. 7, 2022 6-8 p.m.~~ A Doodle Poll will be shared to pick an alternate date to meet in February.

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