

SEPAC MEETING/AGENDA
AUGUST 16, 2021
12:00 PM

★ Welcome

- Attendance: Nina Pugh, Catherine Archer, Leticia Gonzales, Nicole Hughey, Elva Luna, Jennifer Martinez, Ms. Guerrero, Sharron Carlson, Pamela Flanagan.
- Introductions

★ Review of process for SEPAC involvement

- Positives: meetings went well; 2 new families; meeting through Zoom/Google Meet is convenient; goal for SEPAC is to be more visible to families and make them aware that resources are available.
- Negatives: attendance has been lower than preferred; faced with issues/struggles trying to get more parents involved

★ Ideas for SEPAC visibility/more parent involvement:

- Facebook, Twitter accounts for Special Education.
There is currently a FB page called: "SEPAC" Special Education Parent Advisory Committee New Braunfels, TX. It's a closed group. Not much success due to limited access-discussed the need to open up on social media (district wide) while maintaining privacy concerns. Also, it was suggested to do Facebook lives to help families w/ strategies and invite more families to join.
- Campus PTAs/ Meet the Teacher nights to sign up families/provide info.
- Google Forms (make part of the ARD checklist; add QR code)
- Send out blast reminders/newsletters to parents; first blast to parents to include upcoming dates of events, reminders, etc.

★ SEPAC Meeting & Chair/Co-chair Information

- Sharron Carlson and Pamela Flanagan have been co-chairs for the past few years. Sharron has accepted to be the Committee Chair this 2021-22 school year. Pamela will continue to stay involved. Goal is to try and get volunteers to become more engaged and help Co-chair the committee. Sharron will be creating the agendas for future meetings.
- Keep meetings once a month (2nd Wednesday) at noon
- Next meeting (Sep 8th via Google Meet) and in the meantime looking at dates for planning activities.

★ Meet the Unicorns Night

- August 19th, 2021; trying to have a booth set up at this event to distribute parent information.

★ Resources

- Any Baby Can - Safety training session scheduled for Sep 14th; should be receiving a flyer on this event soon.
- Kingston Knights - Bringing awareness and raising money for services needed to help families of New Braunfels, TX and Comal County; Autism walk.

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