



NBISD Parent Advisory Board

Agenda/Minutes

Every student. Every day.
Engage, Empower, Learn

Jan 12, 2022 @ 12:00 PM

- ❖ Members in Attendance (via Google Meet): Catherine Archer - Asst. Director, Leticia Gonzales- SLP Coordinator, Nicole Hughey- Assessment Coordinator, Jennifer Martinez- SpEd Clerk, Sharon Carlson- Chair, Pamela Flanagan, Emily Douple, Jerrica Guerrero, Karen Ballenger, Katya Kirtland, Kelly Ramalho, Esthela Gonzalez/Josh Cahenzli, Cassandra Alam, Liz Ramirez , Mattie Brigman, Lucia Castro, Stacey Tovar, Ana Tamez, Adrian Ruiz, attendees joining by phone.

- ❖ Welcome (Sharon Carlson- Chair)
 - SEPAC is a group at NBISD for families of children with special needs. Parents/guardians are encouraged to learn and support each other In collaboration with NBISD staff. It's overall focus is to advance and improve education for all children/students with special needs. Constructive feedback is always welcome.
 - Please reach out to Ms. Nina Pugh (npugh@nbisd.org) with any specific concerns or questions.
 - Feedback is always welcome to help improve the SEPAC community.
 - Catherine Archer reviewed meeting norms to encourage a productive meeting: stay on mute if not speaking; raise hand in the zoom call; and please participate because we love to hear from the parents/guardians.

❖ Upcoming Events

- Any Baby Can
 - Topic: Toilet Training
 - Date: Tuesday February 1st, 2022
 - Time: 6-8 PM
 - Location: McKenna Children's Museum

- 2nd Annual Autism Walk and Resource Fair
 - Date: Saturday April 30th, 2022
 - Time: 9 A.M.
 - Location: New Braunfels Middle School

- Parent Social (adults only)
 - Date: Wednesday February 16th, 2022
 - Time: 6pm (tentative)
 - Location: TBD; more details to follow
 - Email will be sent out once event details are finalized

- NBISD Behavior Parenting Workshop Series
 - Part 2 was held yesterday Jan 11th; Time 6-6:30 on Google Meet
 - See attachment below for remaining workshop dates: parts 3 and 4; This information will also be shared to the SEPAC Facebook page.



Department of Special Education

NBISD Behavior Parenting Workshop Series



Anissa Moore,
M.Ed., BCBA, LBA

This four part series will discuss tips for parents and caregivers on how to manage and reduce difficult behaviors in your child.

6-6:30 PM
Google Meet!
LIVE

Nov 30

Why the challenging behavior is occurring?

Google Meet joining info [CLICK HERE](#)

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bix-vvab-yzu>

Or dial: (US) +1 513-666-7117 PIN: 653 628 166#

Jan 11

Enhancing positive behavior supports for student with special needs.

Google Meet joining info [CLICK HERE](#)

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/fod-lurr-xfn>

Or dial: (US) +1 573-370-1142 PIN: 960 031 059#

**March
22**

How to decrease challenging behaviors and increase positive behaviors.

Google Meet joining info [CLICK HERE](#)

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zqv-juyy-ehs>

Or dial: (US) +1 470-310-1049 PIN: 356 736 934#

May 24

How you can support your child during the summer?

Google Meet joining info [CLICK HERE](#)

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zmt-kviz-kmj>

Or dial: (US) +1 405-277-8272 PIN: 153 280 913#

- ❖ Social Media
 - NBISD Special Education Parental Advisory Council (SEPAC) Facebook page is now at 73 members and continuing to expand; please share and invite others to help this page grow; this is a great resource for what is happening in the special education community.

- ❖ ASL (American Sign Language) classes
 - Jerrica mentioned that she has been communicating with Mrs. Bock regarding the implementation of ASL classes. She received news that NBISD is moving forward with forming ASL classes to be offered in the near future.

- ❖ Parent comments/concerns
 - A question was raised regarding where to direct questions/concerns to if a parent needs clarification or assistance with something they do not understand. Mrs. Archer encouraged parents to reach out to the SPED staff who are always willing to help.
 - An inquiry was made about having more training for teachers that engage with students in Special Education. Mrs. Archer elaborated on the Teacher Alliance meetings (continuing education). These are training sessions open to ALL NBISD staff (Sped staff, Gen Ed teachers, Admin, Auxiliary staff, etc) to improve our knowledge and skills in the area of specially designed instruction and incorporating fundamental practices in teaching our students with special needs.

- ❖ If you are interested in being a co-chairperson for the SEPAC group, please contact Sharon Carlson (sharoncarlson37@yahoo.com)

❖ No SEPAC meeting in February; next meeting will be March 9, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 PM