

**AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MINUTES**

Date: June 23, 2020

Location: Held Via Zoom

WELCOME AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. Chad Ouellette, Mr. Ramon Vega, and Ms. Jennifer Limon shared the public comment portion of the meeting.

REVIEW OF PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES:

- Mr. Joey Crumley reviewed the Austin ISD Special Education By-laws with the Special Education Advisory Committee. Mr. Crumley addressed policy, standardization, the role of the committee, and the term of each member.
- The committee had several questions and concerns regarding the role of the advisory board, the selection of co-chairs, and their role.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

- Last Meeting Minutes were approved by all board members.

HEALTH & SAFETY CONVERSATION WITH SETON

- Ms. Loree LeChance, Director of Student Health Services, and Dr. Anna Avilos, Medical Director of Student Health Services, shared with the Special Education Advisory Committee about how they support Austin ISD, the tools in which they will be communicating, and talked about student needs.
- The group discussed PPE, communication methods, training, COVID signage, safety measures, students and masks, and updates.

REOPENING DISCUSSION:

- Dr. Hickman shared the district is going to require that staff complete a health and safety training prior to staff being back on site.
- Mr. Hicks talked briefly about the guidance the district is receiving from the Texas Education Agency, the reopening hybrid model the district is considering, and the importance of health and safety.

PARENT COMMUNICATION:

- The Special Education Communications Committee conducted a consultancy model work session around how to improve and troubleshoot communication barriers with families.
- The group shared their thoughts and provided feedback on ways to improve to include robocalls, utilizing the drive-through meal lanes, different languages, etc.

COMMITTEE QUESTION AND ANSWER REVIEW

- The Executive Director of Special Education provided responses to all items submitted as topics for the agenda items by each member.

CLOSING:

Meeting ended at 9:10 pm.