

Special Education Family Advisory Committee (SEFAC)

Minutes for September 23, 2024

The Special Education Family Advisory Committee met in person at the AISD Central Administration Building on September 23, 2024.

SEFAC Members (Attendance)

Stephanie Ferragut

Lauren Hoffer (Not Present)

Randi Shade

Deborah Trejo (Not present)

Ricardo Bentin

Peggy Kemp

Renee Sanders (Not Present)

Adalberta Marquez

Natalie Johnson

Patricia Benigno Ruiz

Dr. Katherine Rose

Allyson Mangum

Dr. Cherry Lee

Miguel Morales (Not Present)

Chris Brodie

Kara Schultz

Bobby Quindlen Sandoval

Kristin Mijares-Levy

Elizabeth Mirabal

Michael Herbin (Not Present)

Dr. Dru McGovern-Robinett

Dr. Stephanie Hawley

Dr. Mary Anne Maxwell (Not Present)

Dr. Susan Diaz (Not present)

Dr. Jennifer Baker

Visitors/Community Members/AISD Staff

Sherry Marsh (TEA Monitor)

Joshua Jeon

Dr. Jacob Reach

Matias Segura

Cassandra Medrano



1. Call to Order, Attendance

- 1.1. Dr. Cherry Lee called the committee to order at 6:00 PM.
- 1.2. The sign in procedure was reviewed.

2. Public Comments

- 2.1. The protocol for public comment was reviewed.
- 2.2. Two speakers signed up prior to the meeting to provide public comment.
 - 2.2.1. Ricardo Bentin, Member
 - 2.2.2. Cassandro Medrano, Parent Visitor

3. Welcome from the Superintendent

3.1. Matias Segura, Superintendent, welcomed the SEFAC Committee to the first meeting this school year. He reviewed the vision, mission, and commitment the district has to students with disabilities.

4. Strategic Plan Updates

4.1. Dr. Dru Robinett, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, reviewed timely updates and next steps for the implementation of the strategic plan for special education.

5. Family Engagement

5.1. Dr. Cherry Lee introduced the topic of family engagement in the ARD process. She reviewed the welcome letters case managers are sending home, the Family Empower Hour schedule, and the upcoming dyslexia conference.

6. Website Updates

6.1. Committee member Ricardo Bentin shared the updates from the Website subcommittee. He shared that the team created a set of personas that would be helpful for parents of children from certain age groups. The request the subcommittee has now is for the committee and their fellow parents and colleagues to review the website and provide feedback.

7. Work Time for Family Engagement

- 7.1. Dr. Cherry Lee introduced an activity designed to allow groups to focus on family engagement. During the SEFAC meeting, small groups were assigned to review the website and provide feedback based on specific questions provided.
- 7.2. Each group reviewed their h the SEFAC overall. All feedback will be memorialized and reviewed as input for revising the plan.

8. Next Steps, Calendar, and Closure

8.1. Members were provided additional extended time to fill out the SEFAC feedback survey on the Special Education Strategic Plan through Friday, April 19th. The plan is due to the Agency on April 30th.



- 8.2. Dr. Jennifer Baker reviewed the future meeting dates for SEFAC in 24-25 and a look forward to the November meeting which will have an emphasis on transition programming and supports.
- 8.3. Dr. Robinett closed the meeting with questions and comments. The committee members

9. Adjournment

9.1. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.