



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

Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Location: Held Via Zoom

WELCOME: The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were requested or shared.

INTRODUCTION OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR STUDENT PROGRAMS AND ADDRESS:

- Chief Casas introduced Dr. Dessynie Edwards

INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND ADDRESS:

- Dr. Dessynie Edwards introduced Dr. Theresa Arocha-Gill.
- Dr. Gill shared that she is very excited about working with the SEAC and Austin ISD.

MEETING NORMS AND SEAC EXPECTATIONS:

- Meeting Norms were shared.
- The group discussed meeting norms and the location of meetings.
- The group agreed that norms will be adjusted once in-person meetings take place.
- Zoom will remain an option for those that cannot attend in person.
- Future Agenda items will include a time for discussion by the group.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATES:

- Dr. Edwards Special Education Update
 - Ms. Miller was thanked for her work with Austin ISD families.
 - Special Education Reorganization
 - There will be five (5) Special Education Directors.
 - Communication is a focus for the Special Education Team and the District.
 - Evaluations and ARD meetings will continue to be a priority.
- SEAC asked the District for definitions of acronyms that will help our families understand all of the special education terms.
- Dyslexia's new structuring was discussed by the committee.
- The District shared how the Special Education evaluation team worked through the backlog of evaluations.

SEAC CALENDAR:

- The proposed meeting dates were reviewed and approved. Dates are reflective of breaks in the school year. Meetings will now begin at 6:00 pm.
- Discussion was held around the recruitment of new committee members.

CLOSING:

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.