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**Special Education Advisory Council
Annual Report
2023-2024 School Year**

VBGC SEAC Members for 2023-2024:

Alyce Gianfala, Chairperson, Faculty Member
Loren Decuir, Member, Director
Aprill Payton, Community Member
Jessica Switzer, Member, Faculty Member
Joanie Bowie, Member, Parent
Becky Haydel, Member, Parent
Maritza Adams, Member, Parent
LaGuya Brown, Member, Parent

General Meeting Information & Highlights:

The SEAC at V.B. Glencoe Charter School met on the following dates:

- December 5, 2023 at 5:00 PM
- February 6, 2024 at 5:30 PM
- May 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Positive outcomes from 2022-2023 SCP SEAC committee members:

- The purpose of the SEAC and roles and responsibilities of its members were reviewed and agreed upon.
- The opportunity to participate in St. Mary Parish's Special Olympics was secured by Mrs. Payton.
- Recommendation to increase advertising for SEAC meetings.
- Various programs and activities were shared that are geared toward students with exceptionalities.
- Resources to help parents understand special education programs, prepare for IEP meetings, and understand accommodations/alternative assessment for the K-2 Literacy Screener.
- Presentation from Communities in Schools counselor Allison Guidroz.

December 5, 2023 Meeting Highlights:

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SEAC members present: Alyce Gianfala, Aprill Payton, Joanie Bowie, Jessica Switzer, Loren Decuir, LaGuya Brown.

1. Review of last year's SEAC Annual Report.
2. Review of SEAC purpose and handbook along with member roles and responsibilities.
 - Reminder that the council and council members must abide by state confidentiality laws pertaining to students with disabilities.
3. Discussed upcoming training on dyslexia to be conducted by Dr. Jason Talbot from Nicholls State University.
 - It was mentioned that parents could benefit from this knowledge as well and that Mrs. Decuir would get more information from Dr. Talbot about a parent workshop on dyslexia.
4. VBGC's students will be able to attend St. Mary Parish's Special Olympics.
 - Requirements for participation were reviewed.
5. Communities in Schools presenter Allison Guidroz was unable to attend the meeting, so she was put on the agenda for the next meeting.

February 6, 2024 Meeting Highlights:

SEAC members present: Alyce Gianfala, Jessica Switzer, Joanie Bowie, Loren Decuir, Becky Haydel.

1. Review and approval of December's meeting minutes.
2. Discussed what if parents of young students have academic concerns?
 - SBLC process and the importance of early intervention for academic, speech, and motor concerns.
3. Discussed K-2 Alternate Assessment Eligibility Criteria document.
4. Upcoming St. Mary Parish Special Olympics on March 22.
 - The class is planning to do a fundraiser to purchase special VBGC shirts to wear that day.
5. Guest Speaker: Allison Guidroz from Communities in Schools.
 - An overview of the services provided by Communities in Schools to our school this year.
 - She informed that counseling services can be added as services on the IEP.
 - It was asked that the resources from Ms. Guidroz be added to the school's website.

May 1, 2024 Meeting Highlights:

SEAC members present: Alyce Gianfala, Jessica Switzer, Maritza Adams, LaGuya Brown.

1. Review and approval of February's meeting minutes.
2. Mrs. Switzer recounted St. Mary Parish Special Olympics that was held at Patterson High on April 12, 2024.

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- Students received their awards from Special Olympics at the VBGC Athletic Banquet on April 25, 2024.
 - Discussed the possibility of doing St. Mary's Parish bowling activity in the fall.
3. Discussed the hand out *Before the IEP Meeting: 6 Tips for Parents*.
 - It was mentioned that this would be a good resource to put on the school's website.
 4. Discussed the hand out for the K-3 Literacy Screener Accommodations Criteria.
 - This resource was mentioned in a previous meeting and was brought for the parents to look over.
 5. Chairperson asked the members about their interest in being reappointed to the SEAC for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - It was decided that an email would go out to ask the absent members if they would like to remain on the council.
 - Any open positions will be advertised in the Fall.
 6. Dates for SEAC meetings in the 2024-2025 school year will be decided upon in August.