



Special Education Advisory Council

JCFA Lafayette

Annual Report

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), for JCFA Lafayette, is a result of Louisiana legislative requirements. JCFA's SEAC is created to support the development of special education policies and procedures, and foster stability and growth for all students, especially students with diverse needs.

Membership comprised 50% parents of students with a disability and students with a disability receiving special education services, 25% teachers employed by JCFA Lafayette, and 25% outside stakeholders. Overall, the council had four members. During the 2022-2023 school year, meetings were held on March 22, 2023, April 28, 2023, and May 16, 2023. Agenda and minutes are included on JCFA.co for each advisory council meeting. Each meeting lasted approximately forty-five minutes.

Open discussion was the main format of each advisory council meeting. Early meetings focused on areas of strength and opportunities for the special education program at JCFA, which allowed for pointed discussions at subsequent meetings. Overall, methods for engaging families in their student's education and how to support students during post high-school transition were the main topics of discussion. Each council member shared from their vantage point how positive outcomes can be achieved for students. Recommended processes and procedures were discussed at length, and it is the hope that recommendations will be able to be put into place for the upcoming school year. Ideas were also provided that would allow for further inclusion of special education into current structures.

Per legislative requirements, the Special Education Advisory Council will continue into next school year and recommendations from the current council will be the starting point.

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