

SE PAC

Executive Committee Summary

2022-2023 School Year

Presented to the Livingston Board of Education
June 20, 2023

SEPAC Mission Statement

Livingston Public Schools SEPAC ~

Empowering

Educate ***A***dvocate ***C***ommunicate ***H***elp
to Learn, Create, Contribute and Grow

**SEPAC Mission Statement developed by the LPS - SEPAC Executive Committee in the 2016-2017 School Year*

Purpose and Responsibility of SEPAC

- The Livingston Public Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Committee exists to fulfill the requirements of the New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:14-1.2(h):
 - *“Each Board of Education shall ensure that a special education parent advisory group is in place in the District to provide input to the District on issues concerning students with disabilities.”*
- SEPAC works collaboratively with all special education parents and District staff in an advisory capacity to the District.
- Building level SEPACs are responsible for parent and building collaboration, leading building meetings, gathering questions to be answered, celebrating successes of students, families & special education in each school, and bringing important information about special education to the District.

SEPAC 2022-2023

Executive Committee for the District

- 30 member committee with parents, general and special educators, supervisors, principals, directors, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent, and Board of Education members represented.
- All Executive Committee SEPAC members have made the commitment to remain on the committee for two full years. This allows for continuity in the work of the committee.
- Committee members lead building based SEPAC meetings to celebrate successes, create open lines of communication, share information, consider questions about special education, and share information with the District on important questions regarding special education. Additionally, building based SEPACs offered parent workshops that can be found later in this presentation. Resources and materials from these can be found on each SEPAC webpage.

District SEPAC Executive Committee

Meets twice annually to foster a partnership across parent leaders of SEPAC and with our District staff.
This year our meetings were held on:
November 7, 2022
May 2, 2023

SEPAC's Executive Committee meets early in the school year to create relationships and collaborative conversations among the committee members (parent leaders and District staff), in order to plan parent facing building meetings and to troubleshoot situations that may arise.

At the end of the school year, the committee comes together to share out information and answer lingering questions.

SEPAC Bylaws

Reconsidered in the 2021-2022 School Year
Reviewed on November 7, 2022

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Every Parent of a Child with an IEP is a Member of SEPAC at their Building

Structure of building meetings:

- ★ Celebrations
- ★ Updates from the District
- ★ Questions to be answered - How can we help?
- ★ Parent programming and resource sharing

Celebrations from our
SEPACs

Building-Based SEPAC 2022-2023

- **Elementary School Based Meetings**
 - **Burnet Hill Elementary School** - March 14, 2023
 - Presentation from Jennifer Quirk, Shining Stars: Adaptive Recreation Coordinator/LYCS Program Supervisor; Senior, Youth and Leisure Services
 - **Collins Elementary School** - April 12, 2023
 - Presentation on *How Can I Help My Child with Reading at Home* by district staff
 - **Harrison Elementary School** - February 15, 2023 & March 20, 2023
 - Initial connection meeting to plan the year
 - Presentation on empathy by District staff - *UnSelfies: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World* by Dr. Michele Borba
 - **Hillside Elementary School** - March 28, 2023
 - Presentation on *Executive Functioning conducted* by District staff
 - Presentation from Jennifer Quirk, Shining Stars: Adaptive Recreation Coordinator/LYCS Program Supervisor; Senior, Youth and Leisure Services
 - **Mt. Pleasant Elementary School** - September 29, 2022
 - Overview of curriculum resources, strategies, and supports
 - **Riker Hill Elementary School** - March 20, 2023
 - Meet the New Director of Elementary Special Education and open gym for students and families

Building-Based SEPAC 2022-2023

- Secondary School Based Meetings
 - **Mt. Pleasant Middle School & Heritage Middle School** - May 2, 2023
 - *Supports and expectations for fostering independence and transition from MPM to HMS*
 - **Livingston High School** - March 2, 2023
 - *Role of a case manager for high school aged students*
 - *School Counselor supports - Academic Support, Social/Emotional Support, Career/Post-Secondary Planning*
 - *College Counselor - Post-Secondary Planning*
 - *Educational Technology Coach - support for students, teachers and parents on district technology, tech tools, strategies for digital organization, promote digital citizenship*
 - **Out-of-District** - January 10, 2023 & June 7, 2023
 - *Presentation on **Creating Connections for your OOD Student** - Information provided by Livingston Advisory Committee for Disabilities (LACD); Kiwanis Club; LHS Key Club; Livingston Lions Club; Rotary Club; and Jennifer Quirk, Shining Stars: Adaptive Recreation Coordinator/LYCS Program Supervisor; Senior, Youth and Leisure Services*
 - *Presentation by PerformCare- **Programming and support they can offer families outside of school***

Impact of SEPAC on LPS in 2022-2023

One New Way SEPAC Impacted Our District This Year

Based upon the information shared with us from our SEPAC representatives, the District has embarked on developing the [LPS Transition Continuum](#) website~

This resource will be launched in the Fall of 2023!

Thank you to the SEPAC representatives who gathered and shared input on the information we will include on this new site!

SEPAC is here for you!



Special Education Parents Advisory Council



The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) is a Livingston resource for all parents whose children receive special education services. Each school as well as the families who have children out of district have two parent representatives who are here to help you with your journey, and they serve as members of an Executive Board that represents all schools and out of district placements at regular meetings. We connect directly with district representatives and report to the Livingston Board of Education.

- We will elevate comments, suggestions, or concerns.
- We will get answers to your questions.
- We are volunteers who respect families' privacy and are happy to help facilitate communication and education for all.

The building representatives for Harrison Elementary School are:

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LPS SEPAC Website - <https://www.livingston.org/Page/392>

Livingston Public Schools SEPAC empowering EACH to learn, contribute, create, and grow!