



D220 SEPAC Joint Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2025
6:00-8:00 pm
District Office

- 1. Call To Order-** 6:09pm
- 2. Welcome & Introductions**
- 3. Approval of October Minutes-** Approved
- 4. Executive Board Updates**
 - a. Co-Chairs' update
 - i. Next Leadership Team Meeting - December 10th @ 7pm virtual
 - ii. Book Club Sign Up
 1. Born Extraordinary: Empowering Children with Differences & Disabilities- Meg Zucker.
 2. The meeting will be held in January. Thank you to Carrie Raia for offering to facilitate.
 - iii. Communications Update
 1. SEPAC Trifolds have been provided to all the schools for display & distribution. They are available in English and Spanish.
- 5. On Going Business**
 - a. Inclusion priority
 - i. Priority- Provide recommendations for creating a more inclusive environment in the school community for students with an IEP or 504 plan.
 - ii. Community Conversations were held to gather feedback on inclusion within their school community. Feedback was received on extracurricular activities, special education students pushing into general education classrooms, and overall school climate..
 - iii. TED Talk video presented: Celebrating Disability as Part of Human Diversity by Catalina Devandas
 1. Table discussions addressing the TED talk video:
 - a. Catalina talks about recognizing that disability is a natural part of human diversity. When we talk about diversity and inclusion in our district, how might we ensure that disability is fully included in that conversation?

- b. Catalina shared that decisions that impact her life are often made by others. How might this relate to the experiences of students with disabilities in our schools? In what ways can we ensure that students with disabilities have a voice and real participation in decisions that affect their learning and experiences?
 - c. How do you think students with disabilities experience school culture? Does age make a difference?
 - d. What ideas do you have to celebrate disability in order to help change social perceptions?
- iv. Presentation was given summarizing feedback from Community Conversations. The presentation included examples of inclusion already happening in D220, opportunities for growth, and ideas for potential action items to strengthen inclusive practices in the district.
 - 1. Table activity completed focusing on turning ideas into action.

6. New Business

- a. Student Services Department Update - Tabled until next joint meeting.

7. Announcements

- a. Tuesday, November 18 @ 9am - Pepper Park Coffee meetup
- b. Family Engagement Session: December 11 from 6-8pm
 - i. Building Resiliency: Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being
Presented by: Doug Bolton from Formative Psychological Services
 - ii. Registration closes December 1st
- c. Next SEPAC Joint Meeting: January 8 from 6-8pm at the District Office

8. Adjournment- 7:58pm

9. Open Forum