SEAC Meeting Notes: 10/28/20
In attendance: Dr. Rebecca Cunningham, Sharon Smith, Amy Bernett, Jackie Smith, Tricia Webb, Amanda Frischling, Anne Lavelle, Raina Dunlap
*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually. The committee’s next meeting will be in January 2021.

Welcome Back/School Year Updates
Dr. Cunningham briefly reviewed the district’s reopening plans and on-going efforts regarding COVID-19. SEAC members expressed appreciation for the efforts of all school staff and the collaboration to help support students.

Open SEAC positions
Each elementary building has an opening for a SEAC representative. We currently have one representative for each elementary building and need to have two. Any interested parent of an elementary age student with an IEP should contact, Sharon Smith at Sharon.smith@ht-sd.org for more details.

Parent Training
In lieu of an in-person training during the first semester, the committee determined it would be more effective and safer to offer links to virtual trainings. A variety of options will be included in an email blast to all families as well as on the website. Links will also be added to the website. The committee will discuss the possibility of having an in-person training event later in the spring or offering a live virtual training.

SEAC Brochure
Mrs. Smith is currently working on finalizing a draft of a SEAC brochure for the committee to review. This brochure would provide a description of what SEAC is and the building representatives. Once created, this brochure would be given to parents who are new to the district or who have children who have just qualified for special education services. Brochures will also be given to special education teachers and principals for distribution as needed.

Training Links for Parents/Guardians
Parent Remote Instruction Series (Devereaux):
Our 10-module parent training series addresses strategies for parents to manage the remote instruction learning environment. Each module is a brief overview of how to implement a strategy to prevent, teach, or respond to behavior at home. Details about our modules are available on our website. Free access to the first parent training module is available here.

Link to PEAL Center: Transition Tuesdays https://www.pealcenter.org/transitiontuesdays/

Supporting Students with Autism During COVID 19 (UNC/TEACCH) https://heelstream.med.unc.edu/hapi/v1/contents/permalinks/Ax3z2NEi/view

PEAL Center – link to various webinars https://www.pealcenter.org/webinars/