

Special Education Advisory Committee
Virginia Beach Public Schools
 Approved SEAC Minutes – December 12, 2010

Attendance

Present Members:	Rayna Amoreno, Melissa Barnett, JoAnna Bryant, Ping Camano, Deborah Dougherty, Sandy Hermann, Cherese Jenks, Sara MacDonald, Lisa Parker, Kara Russell, Jan Solock, Dianna Swenson, Cheryl Ward
Absent Members:	DRS (Rod Curry, Maureen Gibson, Bonita Lyman), Carolyn Stark, Dianna Swenson
Consultants Present:	Norman Brown, Dr. Judith Green, Suzie Kumpf, Dr. Daisy Wood
Consultants Absent:	Dr. Brenda Reid
Guests:	Alfreda Adams, Chris Chewning, Chap Dodd, Veronica Ellis, Elizabeth Jeng, Brook Markley, Donna Robel, Jennifer Stratton
Quorum Present:	Yes

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting began at 9:15 AM, with Kara Russell welcoming everyone present and calling for introductions.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

<u>Announcements</u>	<p>SEAC Member: Sandy Herman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CHKD is presenting a project entitled “Pepsi Refresh” in an effort to earn funds for the Children’s Hospital. Flyers were handed out with more detailed information. <p>SEAC Member: Cheryl Ward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Endependence Center/Parent Support and Information Center will be presenting a free workshop on January 11, 2011, entitled “Understanding Medicaid Waivers”. The workshop will be held at the Laskin Road Annex in the Parent Support and Information Center. <p>HRPEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flyers from the Hampton Roads Parenting Education Network were passed out to everyone present.
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Reports

Dr. Daisy Wood, OPEC	<p>Dr. Daisy Wood informed the committee that training for the ABA program will be completed in the spring of 2011 following the national exam in September, 2011. Three names were sent before the Board to confirm additional employment to OPEC staff. She reported that there has been a decline in some other categories in SPED except Autism, which has shown an increase.</p> <p>Following a lengthy discussion Dr. Daisy Wood notified the committee that plans are underway for a city wide initiative to reform and expand the BRIDGES program to bring more clarity and a more inclusive setting. The current program</p>
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	cannot be addressed as each individual student’s case is different.
VBDHS: VaBeach Infant Program & Dept Melissa Barnett	Melissa Barnett notified the committee that the Infant Program is considering doing away with reporting to the SEAC committee each month. She also reported the Pals programs, the after school program and the adult programs are full. Kara requested a reason why VBDHS is considering eliminating a monthly report from the Infant program to the SEAC committee.
Parent Support and Information Center	Parent Support and Information Center: Dr. Brenda Reid (Alfreda Reported in Dr. Reid’s absence) November 8, 2011 – December 13, 2011 Center Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 98 call, 5 center visits and 25 emails were received in the center. ➤ A workshop is scheduled for January 11, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Laskin Road Annex. Lunch will be provided to participants who attend both sessions.
Cheryl Ward Independence Center	Amendments from the governor to the proposed budget are out and respite hours for Medicaid waiver recipients will be cut from 720 hours to 360 hours per year. The change is expected to start on January 1, 2011. General assembly will start in January more cuts to services for people with disabilities are expected. Lots of advocacy will need to be done. Families should be prepared to help with these efforts. JLARC report has recommendations to merge case management for DD waiver services and ID waiver services with the CSBs instead of DMAS, which currently manages DD waiver services. Advocates fear this will extend the waiting time for people in need of services from the ID waiver and move them further to the back of the line. The youth advocate staff member, Emily Fisher, has begun a support group for students ages 13 and up. These meetings take place about once a month and different activities are planned for each meeting. You can contact Emily at 351-1587 or efisher@independence.org for more information on this group.

SEAC Standing Subcommittees

Membership Subcommittee Chair: Jan Solock	Rayna Amoreno is an official member of the SEAC committee.
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Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann	Sandy announced that a report has to be done for the upcoming year.
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SEAC Ad Hoc Subcommittees:

SEAC Effectiveness Chair: JoAnna Bryant	JoAnna shared two letters she received from vendors, expressing their gratitude to be part of the fair, and expressed its success. She also thanked everyone for their hard work to make the fair the success it was, and indicated that approximately five hundred people were in attendance.
Disability Awareness Subcommittee Cherese Jenks	Plans are underway for the next school year.
Annual Report Committee Chair: Sandy Hermann	Sandy requested someone else be place as the subcommittee leader. Sara MacDonald volunteered to be the new subcommittee leader.
By-Law Review Chair: Cheryl Ward	Recommendations from Cheryl Ward and JoAnna Bryant to make no changes to attendance policy for teacher member discussed by SEAC. Discussion. No motions made.

SEAC Representatives

SECEP Joint Board Meeting Representative(s)	Dr. Green announced the next SECEP meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011.
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VBCPS Curriculum for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities Committee SEAC Rep: JoAnna Bryant	Dr. Daisy Wood informed the committee that Wayne Varney looked at different curriculum that will line up with the ASOL. He met with a group of teachers, some were assigned to take the math portion and some the English. Two elementary schools are currently utilizing the Adoptive Literacy Skills. There was a lengthy discussion on the curriculum. Jennifer Stratton was tasked to inform the committee on functional curriculum at its next meeting.
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Old Business

- A. Teacher Representative—JoAnna and chair made recommendation that no change be made to attendance policy for the teacher representative.
- B. Transportation—Kara handed out a list with short/long term goals that the subcommittee compiled regarding SPED transportation and request Mr. Pace be invited to the next meeting. Sandy notified the committee to have all questions and information turned in to Sara MacDonald by the end of the week. Sandy made a motion to task the transportation committee to incorporate all questions for all to view via email by the end of the week. JoAnna seconded, all members were in favor, motion carried.
- C. Bullying (Please see reports – Dr. Daisy Wood’s comments). Sandy Hermann moved to recommend Cherese Jenks be appointed to the committee. Cheryl Ward seconded, all members were in favor, motion carried.

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New Business

- A. Ranking for Bullying—Mrs. Jenks notified the committee that 160,000 students skipped school because of bullying, and that our region ranked third in the state. Dr. Daisy Wood who serves on the VBCPS Bullying Committee will inquire Mrs. Jenks possibly serving on that committee. Mrs. Jenks also read an article to the committee regarding “bullying” in school.

Review of Public Comment:

- A. None

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Correction was made to the November minutes.

The meeting was adjourned by Kara Russell at 12:00 noon.

Next SEAC Meeting: January 10, 2011 ■ 8:30 p.m. at Laskin Road Annex, Room 25
Virginia Beach, VA 23456 ■ (757) 263-2400