

Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes Virginia Beach City Public Schools January 14, 2008

Attendance

Present Voting Members:	Jennifer McElwee, Deirdre Fisher, JoAnna Bryant, Lisa Parker, Jan Solock, Cheryl Ward, Honey Low, Marian Sanders, Kathy Major, Ping Camano, Samantha Gregg, Kara Russell, Sandy Hermann
Absent Voting Members:	Tommy Billups, Helen Burroughs, Paige Shaw, Marianne Stinson, Carolyn Stark
Consultants:	Ruth Page, Dr. Judith Green, Robert Mitchell
Guests:	Norman A. Brown, Dan Edwards, Gladys Griggs
Quorum Present:	Yes.

1. Welcome/Introductions:

The meeting began at 9:05 am with Chairperson Honey Low welcoming everyone present and asking for individual introductions.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Announcements:

Organization	Event		More Info:
PIER	Jan 17th	Advocacy Meeting Endependence Center	Cheryl Ward 461-8007
PRC	Jan 17 th	IEP Writing Workshop	Ruth Page PRC 263- 2066
	Jan. 30 th	Effective Communication between Home and School	
	Feb. 5 th	Handling Homework	
	Feb. 6 th	IEP Writing Workshop	
	Feb 21 st	Transition to Higher Education Workshop-Laskin Rd Annex	
Commonwealth Autism Service	Mar. 12, 13, 14	Transition: Heading for the Bright Lights" 7 th Annual Autism Conference, Richmond	800-649-8481
	July 14-18	2008 Youth Leadership Forum	Christopher Newport Univ.
Cerebral Palsy of VA	Jan 19 th	Norfolk Admirals	
	Feb. 23 rd	Ringling Brothers	
State SEAC	Jan 24 & 25	Richmond	Honey Low
Care Connection for Children	Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar.26 April 23 May 28 June 25	Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group Endependence Center 9:30 to 11:30 am.	JoAnna Bryant 461-4474
TASA	Feb 7 & 8	Promoting Functional Communication in Children with Autism: Addressing the Verbal Challenge Presenter: Tamara S. Kasper, MS/CCC-SLP, BCBA	TASA 461-4474

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4. Correspondence: Memo from Mr. Mitchell in response to SEAC concerns about multiple ages in classrooms.

5 Reports:

Bob Mitchell, OPEC	No report given.	
Jennifer McElwee Va Beach Infant Program/Case Management	Current Enrollment	310
	Total # of Discharges in November	25
	# discharged in October who will attend VB preschools	3
	# of those children who were 3 yo	2
	# of children enrolled currently in the VB preschool referral process	
	Total # of children entering VB schools since July 2007 for 2007/2008	37
	Of the Total #, those who were 3 yo	17
TCC	No report given.	
Carolyn Stark- Parks & Recreation	No report given.	
Ruth Page, Parent Resource	December	61 calls
	Attended	Read 180 Training
		PEATC/VDOE Proposed Regulations Training
	Presentations	Town Center Lions club
the IEP Writing Workshop		
Kathy Majors DRS Referrals	Ocean Lakes	17 so far expect 15 more
	Landstown	15 so far expect 10 more
	Central Academy	5
	Green Run	5
	First Colonial	14
	Kellam	7
	Kempsville	14
	SECEP-Witchduck	7
	SECEP-Regional	1
	TRACEP	0
	Salem	3
	Tallwood	18 so far-expect a few more
	Bayside	9 so far – expect a few more
	Cox	1
	Princess Anne	7
Open Campus	2	

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6. SEAC Sub-Committees/Representatives/School Board Reports

Membership Subcommittee Sandy Hermann	Proposed changes to SEAC's Bylaws regarding the attendance policy were voted on and passed. .
Policy Review Subcommittee Sandy Hermann	No report given.
Student Performance Assessment Deirdre Fisher	They are waiting on the 2006-2007 SOL assessment data from Dr. Cotton's office. Mr. Mitchell will requested the information from Dr. Cotton.
SEAC Effectiveness JoAnna Bryant	No report given.
Deaf Community Lisa Parker	No report given.
Bylaws Review	Proposed changes to SEAC's Bylaws were emailed out to the members for review. The Proposed changes will be voted on at our February meeting.
Minority Review Subcommittee Cheryl Ward	The purpose of the Minority Review Subcommittee is to review data already collected by school system as a means to further identify the unmet needs of minority students. Goal 1 Find and monitor the categories identified as disproportionate. <u>Outcome:</u> Tracking which categories of minority students with disabilities may have over identification may lead to ways to prevent eligibility errors. Goal 2 Active involvement as a participant in VBCPSS correction action plan for overidentification/disproportionate categories <u>Outcome:</u> To stay informed and involved in the steps taken to reduce disproportionate numbers.
VB Employment Transition Connection Committee	No report given.
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Marianne Stinson	No report given. SECEP Joint Board Meeting dates are January 23 rd , April 9 th and May 28 th .
School Board Report	School Board Chairperson Dan Edwards stated that the School Board identified Special Education as one of the areas for improvement. They have hired an independent auditor to evaluate Va Beach Special Education. The auditors will be on site at the end of January. He would like members of SEAC to participate in the evaluation process.

7. Old Business
None.

8. New Business
Diversity Awareness Training presented Every Kind of People.

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Chairperson Honey Low called for members of SEAC who wanted to be on the Annual Report Sub-Committee. JoAnna Bryant, Cheryl Ward, Samantha Gregg, Kara Russell, Sandy Hermann volunteered to serve on the Annual Report Sub-Committee.

9. **Review of Public Comment: Past Month=s Public Comment:** Not reviewed.

10. **Reading and Approval of the Minutes:**

Corrections were need to the December meeting minutes so they will be voted on in February.

11. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Next SEAC Meeting: December 10th

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When: February 11, 2008 9:00 am

Location: Laskin Road Annex

Prepared by: Jan Solock