

Special Education Advisory Committee

Virginia Beach Public Schools

Approved SEAC Minutes – January 11, 2010

Attendance

Present Members:	JoAnna Bryant, Ping Camano, Sandra Hermann, Sharon LaVier (Dept. of Human Services), Kara Russell, Jan Solock, Cheryl Ward, Carolyn Stark (Dept. of Parks and Rec.), Doral Jackson (DRS), Lisa Parker, Marianne Stinson
Absent Members:	Beth Callahan (TCC), Bonita Lyman (DRS), Kathy Major (DRS)
Consultants Present:	Dr. Judith Green (SECEP), Robert Mitchell, Brenda Reid (OPEC), Daisy Wood (OPEC), Suzie Kumpf
Consultants Absent:	Norman Brown
Guests:	Sara MacDonald, Laura Moran, Jennifer Stratton, Dianna Swenson, Kenny Weinstein, Deb Daugherty
Quorum Present:	Yes

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting began at 9:10 a.m. with Sandy Hermann welcoming everyone present and calling for introductions.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Announcements

- Kids Arts Palooza at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, January 16, 2010 from Noon-5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call (757) 385-2555 or visit www.SandlerCenter.org.
- The next Parent Child Advocate Program is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Arboretum Office Complex, 300 Arboretum Parkway, Suite 118, Richmond, VA 23236. This program is for parents who have children with a hearing loss and is free to the community. For more information contact Emmett Jones or Regina Minor at (804) 282-1943 (voice) or (804) 282-1944 (TTY)
- Two sessions of Parent Happy Hour will be held on January 28, 2010 one at 12:00 – 1:00PM and the other at 5:30 – 6:30PM. Topic for discussion “Understanding Learning Disabilities: How Difficult Can This Be? The F.A.T. City Workshop by Richard Lavoie. A Transition to Work training will be held on January 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Princess Ann High School West Wing Building.
- CHKD & Kohl’s Cares for Kids Family Forum will sponsor Parenting Challenges and Practical Solutions. A parenting workshop will be presented by Dr. Ann Corwin on January 28, 2010 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the CHKD, Brickhouse Auditorium, 601 Children’s Lane, Norfolk or register at www.chkd.org/classes or call 668-7500.
- The VA Family to Family Center is offering a one day intensive training for parents of children with special health care needs. The Parent Navigator Training will be held on Saturday January 30, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Endependence Center, Norfolk. For more information contact JoAnna Bryant at (757) 285-2725 or Joanna.bryant@chkd.org.

Correspondence

No activity was reported.

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Reports

<p>Bob Mitchell/Daisy Woods OPEC</p>	<p>On February 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., Mr. Mitchell will present an overview of special education to the School Board. Reappointment letters will go forward at February 16th School Board meeting. All committee members are asked to attend.</p>
<p>VBDHS: Va Beach Infant Program & MR Dept</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current Infant Program Enrollment: 305 ▪ Total Number of Discharges in December: 32 ▪ No. of children discharged in November who will attend VB preschools: 9 ▪ No. of those children who were three years old: 7 ▪ Total No. of children entering VB Schools since July 2009 for 09-2010: 49 ▪ Of the total number, those who were three years old: 35 ▪ PALS Program currently has openings in the after school and adult program.
<p>Beth Callahan TCC</p>	<p>No report – absent.</p>
<p>Carolyn Stark Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>Carolyn announced that as of Saturday, January 9, 2010 recreation guides can be obtained at each of the six recreation centers or online. 2010 Therapeutic Recreation program registration for All Stars, Champions, Around Town 1, 2, & 3, Swim, Stretch & Tone, Learn to Swim (youth & Adult), and Intro to Competitive Swim on Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Applications for 2010 Therapeutic Recreation Summer Employment will be available on line beginning March 1, 2010. The New “DIRECT” phone number to the Therapeutic Rec office is 757-474-8877.</p>
<p>Parent Support and Information Center Dr. Brenda Reid</p>	<p>Dr. Reid reported that for December-January there were 15 calls received, two visits made and 3 emails received in the center.</p> <p>Parent Support and Information Center Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conducted a workshop for the Childhood Apraxia Parent Support Group ▪ Presented at the “Embrace the Dream” Summit at Tallwood High School ▪ Held two, one-hour sessions of Parent Happy Hour
<p>Doral Jackson K. Major/Bonita Lyman Dept. of Rehab. Services (DRS)</p>	<p>Effective December 15, 2009, all order of selection categories are open due to stimulus funds.</p>
<p>Cheryl Ward Endependence Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 16, 2010 training will begin to focus on transition planning in an effort to improve post secondary outcomes for students. Training will be conducted by Debbie Grosser and Dale Pennell, secondary transition specialist. ▪ VACIL Legislative priorities – copies to distribute. Drastic budget cuts in Governor Kaine’s proposed budget – huge cuts to Health and Human Resources and education.

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SEAC Standing Subcommittees

Membership Subcommittee Chair: Kara Russell	Kara announced three new membership appointments and five reappointments. SEAC has an opening for a teacher representative. Discussion followed regarding recruitment for that position.
Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann	Regulations on the Learning Plan have gone forward to the School Board. A meeting will be scheduled in the future to review the Learning Plan previously submitted and an announcement will be forwarded to all SEAC members.

SEAC Ad Hoc Subcommittees

SEAC Effectiveness Chair: Joanna Bryant	Cheryl Ward reviewed the results of the survey from the November 2009 Community Resource Fair.
Minority Review Subcommittee Chair: Cheryl Ward	Committee is meeting following today’s SEAC meeting to review goals.
Annual Report Committee Chair: Sandy Hermann	No activity was reported, however, the Annual Report will be distributed to all SEAC members within the upcoming weeks for voting.
By-Law Review Chair: Cheryl Ward	Mr. Mitchell announced that the By-Laws are being reviewed, and the results should become available within the upcoming weeks.

SEAC Representatives

Va Beach Employment Transition Connection Representative(s)	No activity was reported.
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Representative(s)	No activity was reported. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Carolyn Stark will be attending.
School Board Representative	No activity was reported.
VBCPS Curriculum for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities Committee SEAC Rep: Joanna Bryant	Mr. Mitchell reported that the Curriculum Committee continues to review materials.

Old Business

- A. SEAC Draft By-Laws is currently with Kami Lannetti for review.
- B. Special Education Administrative Guidelines Review - Daisy Wood will forward dates to meet with the Policy Review Committee.
- C. 2010 meeting topics – Curriculum (Differentiated Instruction/SOL’s) and Accommodations/Modifications (evening meetings). Suggested presenter, Tonya Metzger, Instructional Specialist using “parent friendly” vocabulary instruction vs. curriculum. Other topics included: Manifestation, VGLA/VAAP/VCEP, Parent Support and Information Center, and Comprehensive Services Act (CAS).

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New Business

- Governors proposed budget cuts to Health and Human Resources and Education. Proposed budget would also put a freeze on enrollment in the Alzheimer's, Day Support, DD, EDCD and ID Waivers making it easier to live in an institution vs. community. An individual must live in an institution for six months in order to be eligible for Emergency Waiver Services.
- Virginia Beach SAIL History Grant- Staff development for teachers to include innovative lessons. Will the training include individuals with disabilities? What is being included in VA History SOL's? Committee to forward a letter of suggestion to Dr. Baylin. Disability Awareness is being taught in 2nd and 5th grade Family Life. Cherese Jenks will be researching Ron Lanier.
- SEAC Reappointment letters were read for Kara Russell, JoAnna Bryant, and Dept. of Parks and Recreation and secret ballots were distributed to voting members. It was announced that the reappointment letters for Kara, JoAnna, and the Dept. of Parks and Recreation will go forward at the February 16, 2010 School Board meeting.
- Information about the Bridges Program and eligibility to be presented at the February meeting.

Other Business

A discussion followed regarding students with disabilities accessing school programs and stadium accessibility.

Review of Public Comment:

Past public comment: Debbie Patch – Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Reid met with Mrs. Patch to develop a plan.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

❖ *Carolyn Stark motioned and Kara Russell seconded the motion. December's minutes were approved with noted corrections.*

Meeting Adjourned

11:10 a.m.

Next SEAC Meeting

February 8, 2010 ■ 9:00 a.m. at Special Education Annex, Room #25, ■ 1413 Laskin Road ■ Virginia Beach, VA 23451 ■ (757) 263-2400