

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Virginia Beach Public Schools**

Approved SEAC Minutes – January 10, 2011

Attendance

Present Members:	Sandy Hermann, Deb Doughertry, Joanna Bryant, Rod Curry, Dianna Swenson, Kara Russell, Cheryl Ward, Rayna Amoreno, Carolyn Stark
Absent Members:	Jan Solock, Melissa Barnett
Consultants Present:	Norman Brown, Dr. Judith Green, Suzie Kumpf, Dr. Brenda Reid, Dr. Daisy Wood, Jennifer Stratton
Consultants Absent:	
Guests:	Wanda Byrd, Brock Markley, Elizabeth Jones, Laura Irvine, Andrea Anderson, Lynessa Smith, Beth Jones
Quorum Present:	Yes

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting began at 9:00 AM, with Kara Russell welcoming everyone present and calling for introductions.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

<u>Announcements</u>	<p>SEAC Member: Sandy Hermann</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: JoAnna Bryant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special Education Law and Advocacy Conference will be presented on March 31, 2011 at the Quality Suites Lake Wright, on Northampton Boulevard. The conference will be presented by Pete Wright, Esq. ▪ A flyer was distributed with more information. <p>SEAC Member: Cheryl Ward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 22, 2011 – Peer Meeting is from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. ▪ Meet Sandy Hermann our local state SEAC representative to discuss role of State SEAC. <p>PSIC: Dr. Brenda Reid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A copy of memo from PSIC of center’s stats and upcoming workshops was distributed. ▪ During the months of December 2010 and January 2011, there were 33 calls, 8 center visits, and 15 emails received in the center. ▪ Attended two (2) IEP/504 meetings with parents. <p>Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A flyer was distributed with a list of upcoming Therapeutic Recreation Programs.
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<u>Correspondence</u>	Letter from SEAC member Laura Moran informing SEAC that she has taken a long term substitute position and will not be able to serve on SEAC as a member. She praised SEAC for the great work the committee does.
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Reports

Dr. Daisy Wood OPEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Academic Initiative Forms were sent out to all schools. ▪ The target is 5-20 students with disabilities. A baseline assessment will be given followed by a post assessment in June 2011. ▪ While completing the Academic Initiative Form, schools can request staff and materials for professional development. ▪ Academic Initiative approvals will go out this week. ▪ Dr. Wood has been approved to purchase 10 school buses for students with disabilities with ARRA funds. ▪ Buses will be purchased exclusively for students with disabilities.
Carolyn Stark Parks & Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A flyer was distributed with a list of upcoming Therapeutic Recreation Programs ▪ March 12, 2011 is Summer Camp Registration and Summer Program Registration from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Kempsville Recreation Center. ▪ If you know someone interested in summer employment, refer them to website: www.vbgov.com. Online job posting and applications will be available March 1, 2011. ▪ VB Parks & Recreation offers a lot of therapeutic recreation programs. Feel free to contact parks and recreation if you need further information. ▪ Sensational Gardening - classes are for ages 14 & up, ask that a parent/adult stay with them during this time.
Dr. Brenda Reid Parent Support and Information Center.	<p>Parent Support and Information Center: Dr. Brenda Reid</p> <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.
Department of Rehab. Services (DRS) Rod Curry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Starting to build plans for employment. ▪ Students are eligible the 2nd semester of their senior year.
Cheryl Ward Endeppence Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participating in monthly calls with White House on jobs with related OSA's. ▪ Last month they opened up the call for questions. ▪ Will forward information to Kara Russell. She will then send it out in an email to SEAC committee.

SEAC Standing Subcommittees

Membership Subcommittee Chair: Jan Solock	No report/activity reported.
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Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann	No report/activity reported.
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SEAC Ad Hoc Subcommittees:

SEAC Effectiveness Subcommittee Chair: JoAnna Bryant	JoAnna Bryant made motion to approve the By-Laws. Cheryl Ward seconded the motion for approval of the By-Laws. Motion carried
Minority Review Subcommittee Chair: Cheryl Ward	No report/activity was reported.
Disability Awareness Subcommittee Cherese Jenks	No report/activity was reported.
Annual Report Subcommittee Chair: Sara MacDonald	Will be meeting prior to the next SEAC meeting.
By-Law Review Subcommittee Chair: Cheryl Ward	See SEAC effectiveness subcommittee.
Transportation Subcommittee- Chair: Dianna Swenson	No report/activity was reported.

SEAC Representatives

Va Beach Employment Transition Connection Representative(s) Kara Russell & JoAnna Bryant	Meeting scheduled for February 3, 2011.
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Representative(s) Carolyn Stark	No report/activity was reported.
VBCPS Curriculum for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities Committee Representative: JoAnna Bryant	No report/activity was reported
School Board Representative	No report/activity was reported

New Business

David Pace addressed the questions he had received from the transportation subcommittee prior to attending the meeting. He followed up additional questions from SEAC members, consultants and guests. Concerns were expressed with the lack of random monitoring of video tapes from the buses that transport children with special needs including non-verbal children. He explained that all video tapes will begin upgrade to digital video February 1st 2011 and they could possibly implement a random

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check once on digital video. Mr. Pace handed Dianna Swenson the special needs driver/assistant manual as well as the school bus driver training manual and substitute driver guide for review. He agreed to keep in contact with SEAC to follow up on these issues.

Review of Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Request to edit minutes.

The meeting was adjourned by Kara Russell at 11:15 a.m.

Next SEAC Meeting

February 14, 2011 ■ 9:00 a.m. at Laskin Road Annex, Room 25
Virginia Beach, VA 23451 ■ (757) 263-2400