

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Virginia Beach City Public Schools
SEAC Draft Minutes – February 11, 2013**

Attendance

Members Present :	Rayna Amoreno, Carol Brubaker, Ping Camano, Sandy Hermann, Carolyn Stark, Cheryl Ward,
Members Absent:	Melissa Barnett, Deborah Dougherty, JoAnna Bryant, Cherese Jenks Kara Russell,
Consultants Present:	Rusty Fairheart-SECEP, Allison Jordan. Suzie Kumpf, Brenda Lenhart, Eileen Ouellette
Consultants Absent:	Daisy Wood
Guests:	Dopo Ajisafe, Blanca Ansbro, Peaches Ellis, Brittina Gaskins, Yolanda Jones-Howell, Karsyn Lieber
Quorum Present:	Yes

Welcome:

Chairperson Hermann convened the meeting at 9:05 AM.

Adoption of Agenda: The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda **Motion:** Rayna Amoreno - **Seconded** Cheryl Stark. Ayes 5, Nays 0. The agenda was adopted.

Introductions: Individual introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

One public comment was read by Suzie Kumpf from a parent in reference to her son who was recommended for an Academic Concepts classroom.

<u>Announcements</u>	A <i>Youth Adapted Sports Camp</i> to be held at ODU on Saturday, February 23, 2013. For more information call 804-340-2991 or go to info@sportable.org . 18 th Annual Career Connection for parents and students is scheduled for March 6, 2013 at the Advanced Technology Center from 6:30 -8:30 p.m.
<u>Correspondence</u>	Sandy Hermann read a letter she was cc'd on, in response to a letter of complaint on the timeframe of SEAC minutes and agenda publication to the public.

Reports

Dr. Daisy Wood / Allison Jordan OPEC	Allison Jordan informed the committee that Dr. Wood is currently working on the Annual Plan for VDOE. She anticipates a completed date this week, and plans to share it with the committee before it goes to the School Board. This year the division's focus is on Literacy numeracy. All teachers will be engaged in 14 hours of training. OPEC will develop and offer courses tailored in the literacy/numeracy for SPED teachers. Teachers will be given choices on how they will participate, a follow-up will be initiated.
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Melissa Barnett VBDHS	No report or activity reported.
Cheryl Ward Endeppence Center	<p>The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a report that underscored that access to, and participation in, extracurricular athletic opportunities provide important health and social benefits to all students, particularly those with disabilities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These benefits can include socialization, improved teamwork and leadership skills, and fitness. Unfortunately, the GAO found that students with disabilities are not being afforded an equal opportunity to participate in extracurricular athletics in public elementary and secondary schools. 2. The ruling states that disabled students must be allowed to join sports teams already in existence if reasonable modifications could be made to accommodate them. If such accommodation isn't possible, then parallel athletic programs must be created. <p>“Sports can provide invaluable lessons in discipline, selflessness, passion and courage, and this guidance will help schools ensure that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to benefit from the life lessons they can learn on the playing field or on the court,” Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a statement announcing the new guidance Friday.</p> <p>State News House passes bill to give schools letter grades A-F.</p> <p>In January Sandy and Cheryl both attended a VDOE Diploma Task Force meeting regarding the potential changes to the standard diploma for students with disabilities as a result of the removal of the modified standard diploma as an option for students.</p>
Dept. Parks & Rec. Carolyn Stark	Several flyers were distributed to committee members regarding: summer employment, and summer camp registration for 2013SY. Applications will be posted on line March 1, 2013. Parks and Rec is initiating a new online registration to avoid long lines during the summer. The Bow Creek center has been demolished for renovation.
Parent Support and Information Center Brenda Lenhart	Transition to Higher Education is scheduled for February 27, 2013, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., the venue—Virginia Beach Central Library. Flyers on Career Connection scheduled for March 6, 2013, and Say “Yes” to College, scheduled for May 22- 23 2013, were distributed. A parent workshop “ABC of Behavior” scheduled for Mary 14, 2013, at the Laskin Road Professional Training room. For more information contact the Parent Support and Information Center at 263-2066.
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Rusty Fairheart	Annual audit was conducted on January 30, 2013 by KPMG. SECEP partner with Norfolk Public Schools, and received a clean bill of health. Next SECEP meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2013 at which time the budget will be presented for adoption.
Membership Subcommittee Chair: Reyna Amoreno	Committee met last week and reviewed two re-appointment letters. Deb Dougherty requested to be removed from the committee. Cherese Jenks and JoAnna Bryant membership expired today February 11, 2013. The board voted to accept membership for Carolyn Stark and Kara Russell, Ayes 6 Nays 0.

SEAC Standing Subcommittees

Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann	No report or activity reported.
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SEAC Ad Hoc Subcommittees:

SEAC Effectiveness Chair: JoAnna Bryant	No report or activity reported.
Ad Hoc Student Performance Review Subcommittee Cheryl Ward	The sub-committee met today in Room 25 at the Laskin Road Annex.
Disability Awareness Subcommittee Cherese Jenks	No report or activity reported.
Bylaws subcommittee Cheryl Ward	No report or activity reported.
Annual Report Subcommittee	Public comments for the past 3-4 years will be incorporated in the Annual Report. The sub-committee is currently working on information on the Resource Fair. There were several recommendations on performance review regarding strengthening the achievement gap.
Transportation Subcommittee Carolyn Stark	The committee will reformat the transportation report for the Annual presentation to the School Board.
Inclusion Subcommittee Rayna Amoreno	The subcommittee met on August 26, 2012 and reviewed the Inclusion Response from OPEC and Compass 2015 Strategic Goals. A recommendation for SEAC to consider for proposal to the School Board was presented. The committee will present and motion specific recommendations to SEAC at August meeting.

SEAC Representatives

VBCPS Transition Connection Committee Meeting (JoAnna Bryant/Kara Russell)	No report or activity reported.
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SECEP Joint Board Meeting

School Board Representative Rayna Amoreno	None
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Old Business - Disability History and Awareness Month Bookmark Contest: Allison Jordan notified the committee that School Board Policy is against student recognition at the School Board meeting. She suggested

that the Chair of SEAC and Ms. Jenks arrange to meet with the principal of the winning schools on how best to recognize these winners. Sandy Hermann along with the committee wants to know why the winners cannot be recognized at the School Board meeting. Allison will follow-up to get an answer for the committee at its next meeting in March or thereafter.

Eileen Ouellette suggested that the winners could be recognized at the March evening meeting. The committee seems to welcome her suggestion. It was also recommended that each child picture be taken with a write up for media release.

Community Resource Fair Questionnaire Results:

New Business

- SEAC membership vote: Members voted

- Related Services Presentation
A Power Point presentation was done by Allison Jordan and Michelle Galvin. A copy of the presentation will be emailed to Sandy Hermann.

Other Business

- Sandy made a formal announcement re: a secretary for the committee.

- Bianca Ansbro, Bilingual Information Specialist, representative of Parent Education Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) introduced herself and notifies the committee of the services she offered. She distributed some of her flyers to committee members, and a means of her contact by phone and email: 900-869-6782 or www.peatc.org

Review of Public Comment

- Current Public Comment - Allison will address the letter read by Suzie Kumpf.

- Past Months Public Comment – Carol Brubaker watched the video of past months School Board Meeting and reiterate during her observation nothing was said derogatory regarding *Read 180* as stated by Mrs. Tiaba. There was a lengthy discussion re: Read 180.

- Cheryl also watched the video and concurred with Ms. Brubaker’s statement.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Rayna approved January’s minutes with corrections, seconded by Ping Camano, Ayes 9, and Nays 0.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the committee, Carol Brubaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cheryl Ward Ayes 9, Nays 0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. by Sandy Hermann.

Next SEAC Meeting: March 11, 2013 ■ 6:30 a.m. at Landstown High School Schola.

